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THE KING'S CRITICAL ILLNESS

"PROGRESSING" STILL BATTLING WITH THE EFFECTS OF OPERATION AN EXPERT'S OPINION

London, 8 p.m., Yesterday.
A British Wireless message states:—
It was officially stated this afternoon at Buckingham Palace that the King is progressing.
Princess Mary, at a meeting of the League of Mercy at Saint James' Palace this afternoon, said: "You will be pleased to know that, so far, the condition of the King is satisfactory."
It is, however, authoritatively stated that for the next few days, until it is known definitely whether the King's strength is sufficient to conquer the weakness following yesterday's operation, anxiety must continue. The resultant weakness was one of the grave considerations which the doctors had to weigh up before performing the operation.
The decision to undertake active treatment was a grave one, and before taking it the doctors, it is understood, consulted both with the Queen and the Prince of Wales.
Last Night's Bulletin
The bulletin issued from Buckingham Palace to-night states that though the King is still suffering from exhaustion, there is a slight improvement in His Majesty's condition this evening. The local condition remains satisfactory. (Signed) Stanley Hewett, R. M. R. K. and Dawson of Penn.
Suggestive Incident
The seriousness of the King's condition is reflected in a House of Commons incident this afternoon when the Chief Whip announced that the Christmas adjournment would be taken on Dec. 20 but omitted to say when the House would again meet.
Someone asked Mr. Baldwin, who hesitated and then replied quietly "I prefer to answer that question on Monday."
The present intention is to re-assemble on Jan. 15 but an earlier meeting will be necessary if the King died.
The Duke of York has cancelled his engagement to attend the Northampton Farmers' Union dinner on Saturday.
Optimistic View
An eminent physician, not connected with the Court is of opinion that to-night's bulletin is as good as one could get. The fact that His Majesty came safely through the 24 hours following the operation is a very good thing. The immediate danger after such an operation is shock. Fortunately there has been none and the outlook now is completely changed.—Reuter.
America's Sympathy
Washington, Yesterday.
President Coolidge has cabled a cheering message to the King reflecting the sympathy and good wishes of the whole of America.
The message stated: "I am greatly pleased to learn that there is a distinct improvement in Your Majesty's health and trust that your complete convalescence will now be a matter of a short time."
—Reuter's American Service.
Earlier Telegram
London, Yesterday.
The bulletin issued at 10.45 a.m. states that the King has had some sleep. The local condition is satisfactory. Weakness and toxæmia are considerable, but the pulse is steady, and His Majesty is not losing ground. The bulletin is signed by three doctors.
Despite the success of the operation, anxiety continues at the Palace to-day. The considerable weakness mentioned in the morning bulletin, though merely natural, is causing the doctors great anxiety. It is authoritatively stated that the weakness is not unduly alarming, but for the next few days until it is known definitely whether the King's strength is sufficient to conquer the weakness or not, anxiety must continue.—Reuter.
London, Yesterday.—As a result of the reduction to £10 of the passenger rate for emigrants to Canada, the Canadian Pacific Railway Company have received requests from sub-agents in all parts of the country, to whom inquiries had been made by prospective settlers, for information regarding the matter.—British Wireless Service.

SECOND TEST MATCH BEGINS

RYDER WINS TOSS AUSTRALIA LOSE 2 WICKETS FOR 69 RUNS

England has made a fairly good start in the Second Test Match which opened this morning at Sydney.
Of the twelve players selected for Australia, D. Bradman (the New South Wales youngster) was dropped, says Reuter. Accordingly, O. Nothling (Queensland), who took wickets fairly cheaply in an earlier match against the M.C.C. is playing.
G. Geary (the howler—and batsman) replaced Mead (the left-handed batsman) in the England XI.
First Partnership
There were 20,000 spectators. Rain fell early in the morning but the wicket was not affected.
J. S. Ryder, the Australian captain, won the toss in bright sunshine and elected to bat, as Chapman did in the First Test.
Woodfull and Victor Richardson opened the innings, getting 51 runs between them before the latter was sent back, bowled by Larwood. Richardson made 27 and Woodfull was then 20 not out.
Eighteen runs were added and one more wicket fell and the lunch interval was called. Australia's score then being 69 runs for 2 wickets.
Later.
The two wickets actually fell for 65 runs, Geary bowling Kippax just before the interval.
Scores were:—
Woodfull, not out 26
Richardson, bowled Larwood 27
Kippax, bowled Geary 19
Ponsford, not out 2
Extras 5
Total (for 2 wickets) 69
THE TEAMS
Australia
J. S. Ryder (Victoria) captain.
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria).
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria).
A. F. Kippax (New South Wales).
D. D. J. Blackie (Victoria).
C. V. Grimmett (South Australia).
H. L. Hendry (Victoria).
H. Ironmonger (Victoria).
V. Y. Richardson (South Australia).
W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales).
O. Nothling (Queensland).
England
A. P. E. Chapman, captain.
J. C. White.
D. R. Jardine.
J. B. Hobbs.
W. R. Hammond.
E. Hendren.
M. W. Tate.
H. Larwood.
G. Duckworth.
G. Geary.
M. Leyland is 12th man.
ON HIGH SEAS
PTE. ROYLE AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT
NO NEWS FROM COLOMBO
Private James Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, charged with the attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment on board H.M. Transport "Somersetshire" on the high seas, between Aden and Colombo, on the night of October 19-20 last, made another appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning.
Detective Inspector Lane, who had charge of the case, reported to the Magistrate that he had no further news of the injured Sergeant. Yesterday he had telephoned to the Military authorities for information, and was told that they had sent a cable to Colombo, but had not yet received a reply.
His Worship ordered another week's formal remand.
New York, Yesterday.—The death is announced of Mr. Jacob Dickinson, War Secretary in the Taft Administration.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH TRADE WITH CHINA

OFFICIAL REPORT STATEMENT BY THE BRITISH COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR

London, Yesterday.
The report of Mr. H. H. Fox, C.M.G., Commercial Counsellor to the British Legation, Peking, on the commercial, industrial and economic situation in China to Sept. 1, last says that until the country settles down to a more or less uninterrupted period of peace and good Government, the chances of any considerable development of British trade with China are of the slightest.
Mr. Fox emphasises that British manufacturers must do their utmost to reduce production costs to the lowest possible level.—Reuter.
AS A DOCTOR
CHINESE AGAIN BEFORE THE COURT
TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS
After a long adjournment, further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, in the case in which a Chinese named Wong Shu-pun is charged with practising as a doctor without being a duly registered and qualified person.
Mr. F. H. Loseby was for the defence.
The first witness called this morning was Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst.
He deposed that on October 30 last, together with Detective Inspector Lane, he visited the defendant's office on the first floor of No. 321, Queen's-road West, where they took possession of all the stuff now in Court. These included English-made compressed tablets, synthetic drugs, blue pills, etc., a list of which the witness put in.
This list, the witness said, was made up to his definition of Chinese medical practice, which witness put in in written form.
Difference in Method
The items listed, the witness said, were such as Western medical practitioners commonly used. The essential difference between Chinese and Western medical practice is that the Western practitioner uses pure active principles extracted from drugs, whereas in Chinese practice, crude drugs themselves are used.
Mr. Loseby objected to this evidence as Mr. Dovey had not stated his qualifications for giving an opinion on Chinese practice.
Mr. Dovey stated in reply to the Magistrate that he had made a study of Chinese drugs used in the Colony, and had a collection of 450 different Chinese drugs in his possession. All the drugs in accused's collection were crude drugs. The witness added that it was the use of these drugs which distinguished Chinese medical practice.
Mr. Loseby submitted that Mr. Dovey's evidence was still a matter of opinion.
The Magistrate pointed out that Mr. Dovey was giving evidence as an expert on drugs. Mr. Loseby did not press the point.
Also Western Drugs
Proceeding, Mr. Dovey said that most Chinese practitioners used Western drugs also, but in so doing they were not keeping strictly to Chinese medicine as definite in the Ordinance.
Mr. Loseby again protested. He said that Mr. Dovey could not give an interpretation of the law. He had no right to give an opinion as an advocate.
Mr. Lindell allowed this objection.
In further evidence, Mr. Dovey said that it was comparatively recent that the Chinese medical practitioner started to use derivatives of drugs, but the practice was now fairly common.
Replying to Mr. Loseby, Mr. Dovey said that he had been among the Chinese for 16 years. He had examined a certain number of the drugs found in the defendant's office with the view (1) to discover poisons, and (2) to discover any medicine on instrument that would be used by a European medical practitioner.
Mr. Loseby: You did not look for

CARVALHO YEO AT SESSIONS?

INDIAN CONSTABLE CHARGED WITH RAPE TWO MEN UP ON PIRACY

December's Criminal Session will open in the Supreme Court on Tuesday.
On the list is the name of Carvalho Yeo. Against it stands the indictment which has been referred to as the "Water Accounts" case. There are two counts, one of falsification of accounts and one of forgery. This case, it will be recalled, was adjourned sine die by Mr. Justice Jacks at the conclusion of the November Session, at which Carvalho Yeo was sentenced to ten years' hard labour for uttering three Treasury cheques for more than \$250,000 and arising out of which a point raised by the defence was reserved for the consideration of the Full Court.
Other cases down for hearing are:—
Yuen Ping-kwan: (1) piracy with acts endangering life (2) piracy.
Mowaz Khan: rape.
Ho Fu: piracy.
Pun Tak and Ko Cho: robbery by two or more.
Tse Lam-tuk: robbery by two or more.
There is a possibility that the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E.) will hear all cases, owing to the congestion of civil cases in the Summary Court, to be heard by the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks).
FINE TO CLOUDY
N.E. winds, fresh, fine to cloudy, is the forecast until noon to-morrow.
The anticyclone is central to the north of Korea.
Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and over the China Sea.
NEW LOAN
£4,000,000 FOR GREEK GOVERNMENT
READILY SUBSCRIBED
London, Yesterday.
The issue in London to-day of £4,000,000 of 6 per cent. sterling bonds of the Greek Government met with a ready response and the subscription lists were closed this morning.—British Wireless Service.
ROTHSTEIN CASE
POLICE COMMISSIONER RESIGN
SEQUEL TO CRITICISM
New York, Yesterday.
City Police Commissioner Warren has resigned. His department was severely criticised for its conduct in the Rothstein case.—Reuter's American Service.
THEFT OF COAL
A Chinese, who was yesterday arrested on board a sampan for the unlawful possession of nine bags of coal was, this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy, sentenced to two months' imprisonment. The prosecution said that when the sampan was boarded, the coal was found concealed under the boards. Defendant said that they had been given him for work he had done.
Mr. E. W. Hamilton said that there was no doubt that he had stolen the coal.
things used in Chinese practice?—I looked for things not used in Chinese practice.
Replying to further questions, Mr. Dovey said that Chinese practitioners do not on the medical register, and without European qualifications "probably now use European drugs."
Mr. Loseby: Because they are more convenient for administration, and are more certain in action?—Yes. The strength of European drugs is more consistent and therefore results are more certain.
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BREAKING UP OF THE "BIG THREE" AT LUGANO

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN'S VIEWS REGARDING GERMANY COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

Lugano, Yesterday.
Sir Austen Chamberlain, after conferring for one hour and a half with M. Briand and Dr. Stresemann told British journalists he was convinced that Dr. Stresemann would return to Berlin less pessimistic.
They were all agreed that the first step should be to get a committee of experts working very soon. No decisions had been reached and the conversations would be continued through diplomatic channels. No further meeting of the "Big Three" had been arranged.—Reuter.
COASTAL MOVES
CHANGES IN SHIPS PERSONNEL
NEW APPOINTMENTS
Mr. E. Michelson, second officer, "Kwangtung," has gone second officer, "Fatsan."
Mr. J. J. Spring, second officer, "Fatsan," has gone second officer, "Chinhua."
Mr. R. W. J. Forster, second officer, "Chinhua," has gone acting chief officer, "Ichang."
Mr. T. Giffon, chief officer, "Ichang," is on reserve.
Captain B. A. Thomson, Marine Superintendent, C. N. Co., Hong Kong, is deceased.
Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole, from reserve, has been appointed acting Marine Superintendent, C. N. Co., Hong Kong.
Mr. J. Grossett, chief officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone chief officer, "Liangchow."
Mr. C. J. Bennett, second officer, "Shantung," has gone second officer, "Changsha."
Mr. R. K. Scott, chief officer, "Yingchow," is on reserve.
Mr. L. V. Rowe, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Yingchow."
Captain P. J. Green, from reserve, has gone master, "Ningpo."
Captain W. L. Shinn, of the "Ningpo," is on reserve.
Mr. C. J. Hatch, third engineer officer, "Whangpi," is on reserve.
Mr. J. W. S. Hood, second engineer officer, "Szechuen," is on reserve.
Mr. J. Scurr, second engineer officer, C. N. Co., has resigned.
Mr. W. J. Lawrence, chief officer, "Cheongshing," is on reserve.
Mr. G. Boyle, second officer, "Huangang," has gone chief officer, "Cheongshing."
Mr. S. C. Johnson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Huangang."
Mr. C. R. Harris, second officer, "Kiawo," has gone acting chief officer, "Pingwo."
Mr. L. Bones, chief officer, "Pingwo," is on reserve.
Mr. J. H. Telfer, second officer, "Tingsang," has gone second officer, "Yatshing."
Mr. R. H. Johnston, second officer, "Yatshing," has gone second officer, "Tingsang."
Mr. A. C. Newton, chief officer, "Fuhwo," has gone extra chief officer, "Kutwo."
Mr. T. Roberts, extra third engineer officer, "Luenho," has gone third engineer officer, "Tingsang."
Mr. J. MacDonald, third engineer officer, "Tingsang," is on Home leave.
Mr. A. J. Peterson, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, "Tingsang."
Mr. A. L. Miller, chief engineer officer, "Tingsang," is on reserve.
Mr. A. McNay, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Pingwo."
Captain T. Jones has been appointed master, "Chuen Chow," Shipping and Engineering.
MINISTER RESIGNS
Nanking, Yesterday.
The "Kuo Min" news agency states that Mr. Wang Peh-chun has tendered his resignation as Minister of Communications.
It is understood that Mr. Wang's action is prompted by a desire to facilitate the re-organisation of the Ministry, of which the Railway Department is now a separate ministry, while wireless communications have been placed under the Reconstruction Committee.—Reuter.

NO LORDS REFORM YET AWHILE

THE DEBATE EARL OF CLARENDON'S PROPOSALS TURNED DOWN

London, Yesterday.
Lord Clarendon's proposals for the reform of the House of Lords were again before the Upper Chamber to-day.
The Marquis of Reading (Liberal) said the proposals were a very distinct advance on the proposals of the Government put before the House last year by the late Lord Chancellor Cave. All were agreed there must be reform of the House with the object of giving all parties fair representation therein. Hitherto it had been impossible to devise any plan which would obtain the universal assent of their Lordships.
A scheme of reform agreeable to their Lordships would also have to gain the assent of the people of the country. An examination of Lord Clarendon's proposals, however, had convinced him it was quite impossible to accept them in their present form. They must result in a predominantly Conservative membership of the House. To proceed to the election of 150 Peers by proportional representation or cumulative vote of the Peers themselves must inevitably result in a very large majority of Conservative Peers out of that 150.
Amendment Accepted
Lord Newton moved an amendment limiting Lord Clarendon's proposals to the preamble, which declared the desirability of limiting the number of members of the House of Lords and making provision for elective representation of the Peerage and such other representation or nomination as would ensure to each political party a fair position in the House. This would eliminate Lord Clarendon's actual proposal. Lord Clarendon accepted the amendment and expressed his willingness also to substitute the word "reduce" for "limit."
Govt. Reply
The Marquis of Salisbury, replying for the Government, said the difficulty on this question lay rather in the House of Commons. How could the Government be identified with any special method of reform until its supporters in the Commons were able to come to some agreement?
Referring to the particular proposals of Lord Clarendon, he said he thought the Second Chamber ought, on the whole, to be Conservative. It was meant to be a check on careless or headstrong legislation. But the Government could not identify itself with Lord Clarendon's proposals. It must not accept the sketch until it was prepared to fill in the whole picture and in this Parliament it had not time.
Lord Newton's amendment was adopted by 62 votes to eight.—British Wireless Service.
GENERALS' WIVES
MUST HAVE MOTOR-CARS AND JEWELS
Shanghai, Yesterday.
The "North China Daily News," in a sarcastic leader, says that no one is surprised at the sudden silence which has fallen on the "Kiangnan" opium case.
The first symptom of disillusionment was the dismissal of the Chief of Police, Colonel Tai Shifu, who was merely carrying out the orders of the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, who was acting under Nanking's instructions to suppress the opium trade. "The 'Kiangnan' opium case is dead."
The "N. C. D. News" adds that it seems the official prerogative of opium is inviolable. Governors, who should protect their people, compel them to grow the poppy instead, till China literally cannot produce enough food for her needs because her Generals and officials must have their opium revenue to supply their concubines with mansions, motor-cars and jewels. The Chinese masses know it and will not forget, but for the time being the opium-dealing officials are safe behind their two million soldiers and willing to silence the highest in the land.—Reuter.
[Note: Colonel Tai's subordinates seized the opium but the military interfered. And Colonel Tai has been dismissed, virtually, for seizing opium under military protection.]

CHINESE GOVT. OWES ME \$800,000

PAPER TO PROVE IT? INTERVIEW WITH JAPANESE BROKEN UP? REFERENCE TO THE BOYCOTT

"The Chinese Government owes me \$800,000 and I cannot collect the money. The matter has already come before the (Hong Kong) Supreme Court," said Mr. K. Tokokura, a Japanese, in the Summary Court this morning.
He was sued by the Yuen Hee Co., Ltd., of China-building for \$70 (rent for two months, September and October, of the 3rd floor of No. 44, Praya East, of which he admitted being the tenant) and also for \$210 due under a Chinese borrowing note. He admitted owing both amounts and consented to judgment.
At first he spoke in broken English. He told the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) that "Tin Yau Tsing Shi," against whom the writ had been issued, was his name in Chinese.
Spoke Fluent Chinese
Plaintiffs, he alleged, had agreed to accept \$5 a month from him. The debt of \$210 was incurred by another Japanese whom he had guaranteed. He had intended to go to Formosa on business and had not been able to do so.
When recourse was had to the Court interpreter, defendant spoke fluent Chinese.
He showed his Lordship a document purporting to be an acknowledgment of the debt of \$800,000 due to him by the Chinese Government. He also produced a sheet of papers which, he stated, was proof of the matter having come before the Supreme Court of Hong Kong.
To Go into Chambers
His Lordship asked whether defendant had collected the \$800,000 and the latter replied that he had not been paid. His Lordship said that defendant had better tell plaintiffs.
Mr. T. G. Bennett, who appeared for plaintiffs, suggested that because defendant had been under a language difficulty, would his Lordship direct defendant, if he was asking for instalments, to interview him (Mr. Bennett).
His Lordship put the case down for hearing in Chambers on Dec. 22, in regard to application for payment by instalments.
Made Too Much Noise
Mr. Bennett pointed out that his Lordship's order, as it stood, would debar any action by plaintiffs in the interval to enforce payment.
Outside the Court Mr. Tokokura was asked to reveal the nature of the Chinese Government's alleged indebtedness to him. Smiling at the Pressmen and punctuating his words with gestures, he declared: "I am a Japanese subject. As such I am now boycotted by the Chinese. That is why I can't get the money. But I can't take anything more."
At this stage the Court usher broke up the interview because Mr. Tokokura, speaking heatedly, was making too much noise in the vicinity of the Court.
NATIONAL SAVINGS
SPEECH BY SIR CHARLES ADDIS
Sir Charles Addis (of the London office of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation) who proposed the toast of the National Savings Movement at the London Conference Luncheon on Nov. 6, paid a well-deserved tribute to the work of the voluntary helpers in the National Savings Organisation, who, he said, had shown an exemplary economy not only of money, but of effort, for they had not poached on old preserves, but had opened up new channels of supply by diverting to National Savings Certificates innumerable trickling streams of savings, a large proportion of which had otherwise inevitably been doomed to be swallowed up in waste and extravagance, and these they had contrived without overlapping or competing with existing savings institutions. The proof of this, he pointed out, was to be found in the fact that certificates had been sold for an amount considerably exceeding that of the whole National Debt before the war.—"Express & Telegraph" (London).

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NOTICES.

**CHINESE CUSTOMS
NOTIFICATION.**

THE OFFICES AND STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 22nd, 25th and 26th December, 1928, and 1st and 2nd January, 1929.

C. F. JOHNSTON,
Commissioner of Chinese Customs,
Kowloon & District,
York Building,
Hong Kong, 13th December, 1928.

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EXHIBITION.

EXHIBITION OF PEARLS: Mr. Kodaka arrives on the 14th to open his exhibition of pearls at Messrs. Komor & Komor. See advertisement on the 15th.

THEATRE ROYAL

December 14th, 15th, 17th, 18th,
21st and 22nd at 9 p.m.

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Lydon, Krom Office, from South-bend, Ind.
Coronel Joaquim Santos, Savoy Hotel, from Macao.
Willmohd Coy., 5, Tophkana Jangi, from Ludhiana.
Wristful, from Weihaiwei.

E. A. LEGGATT,
Superintendent.

Hong Kong, 13th Dec., 1928.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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THE VOLUNTEERS

**CORPS ORDERS ISSUED FOR
THIS WEEK**

BATTERY IN CAMP

This week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued to-day by Lt. Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, read as follows:—

Camp Pay

All units will parade under Company arrangements to draw camp pay at Corps Headquarters on Thursday, Dec. 20 and Friday, Dec. 21, 1928.

Parades

No parades will be held at Corps Headquarters from Monday, Dec. 24, 1928 to Thursday, Jan. 3, 1929, inclusive.

Boxing Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Boxing Committee will be held at Corps Headquarters at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, 1928.

Boxing Tournament

Intending competitors are reminded that entries close at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, 1928. Entries, stating weights, should be sent to Sergt. W. H. Owen c/o P.W.D.

Musketry

The Scottish Company will fire Part II. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1928. Range Officer: Lieut. A. Mackenzie. Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or multi optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Dec. 14, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Dec. 15, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Band

The next Band Practice will be Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1929.

The Band will parade to draw Camp Pay at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17 at Corps Headquarters.

The Battery

Annual Camp. The Battery will proceed to Tai Lam Camp from Friday evening, Dec. 14, to Sunday evening, Dec. 16, 1928.

Transport to camp will be provided as follows: Friday, Dec. 14, by Bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 5.30 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 15, by Bus leaving Kowloon Ferry at 2 p.m.

Any members who cannot parade at Kowloon Ferry at 6 p.m. on Friday, but can reach camp before the 8 a.m. parade on Saturday morning must do so.

Dress: As for the first camp.

Engineer Co.

The Company will parade at Belcher's Fort on Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. for Night Run.

Dress: Uniform, Caps (if issued), Tunics, slacks; Belts without sidearm. Haversacks. It will be necessary to bring rations, as the run will not terminate till 10.30 p.m.

Corps Signals

Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, Dec. 17 and Thursday, Dec. 20 at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Muff.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Thursday, Dec. 20. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Overall.

Armoured Car Co.

Car Section. Parade at Corps Headquarters on Monday, Dec. 17 at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff.

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7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Victor and H. M. V. Records).

"Oh Lucindy," "Oh Man River," "The Revellers," "After I've Called You Sweet-heart," "Just a Memory," "The Delaware's Farewell," "Lorraine, Lorraine, Lorraine," "My Angel," "Out of the Dawn," "Serenade," "Prison Song," "Amelia Galli-Curci," "Fugue in D Major," Organ solo by W. G. Alcock, M.V.O.

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"One Way Street," "Midnight Bells," De Groot and Piccadilly Orch.

"Hiawatha," "Liberty Bell," Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

"The Beggar Student," Selections, Marek Weber and his Orchestra.

"So this is Love," "Will-O-The-Whisper," Now Mayfair Orchestra.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

"Southern Melodies Waltz," Walter Kolomoku's Honoluluans.

"Martha Overture," Victor Symphony Orchestra.

"Songs of Ireland," "Songs of Scotland," Victor Mixed Chorus.

"Mississippi Suite," (A Tone Journey), Paul Whiteman.

"Gypsy Baron," Kauffman's Orchestra.

"Bohème-Mi Chiamone Mimi," "Madame Butterfly—Un Bel Di Vedremo," Luerzia Borl.

"Ave Maria," "Elegie," Rosa Ponselle.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

Machine Gun Co.

There will be no further parades until Tuesday, Jan. 8, 1929.

Company Dance at the City Hall. Members are reminded that the Company Dance will take place at 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 14 in the St. George's Room of the City Hall.

It is hoped that everyone will be present to ensure a successful and enjoyable evening.

Scottish Co.

Thursday, Dec. 20. Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Muff, as follows:—

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Musketry. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 5, regarding Part-II to be fired by the Company at Stonecutters on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1928.

This is the last day allotted to Scottish Company. Range Officer: Lieut. A. Mackenzie.

Portuguese Co.

Parades: The next parade for the Company after Dec. 14 will be Friday, Jan. 11, 1929, when everyone will be expected to be present.

The Company will parade to draw camp pay at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 17, 1928.

Reserve Co.

Wednesday, Dec. 19. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. and proceed to Kennedy-road Range by Ford Truck for Machine Gun Firing practice. Dress: Muff.

Transfer

No. 1058 Pte. J. Durran is transferred from Mounted Infantry Company to the Medical Section, as from Dec. 10, 1928.

Leave

No. 1152 Sergt. T. D. E. Pendered, A.S.C. Cadre, from Dec. 8, 1928 to June 30, 1929.

No. 991 Pte. J. R. L. Stanton, Car Section, from Dec. 4, 1928 to Dec. 18, 1928.

No. 982 Sigm. E. de Silva, Signals, sick leave from Dec. 7, 1928 to Jan. 7, 1929.

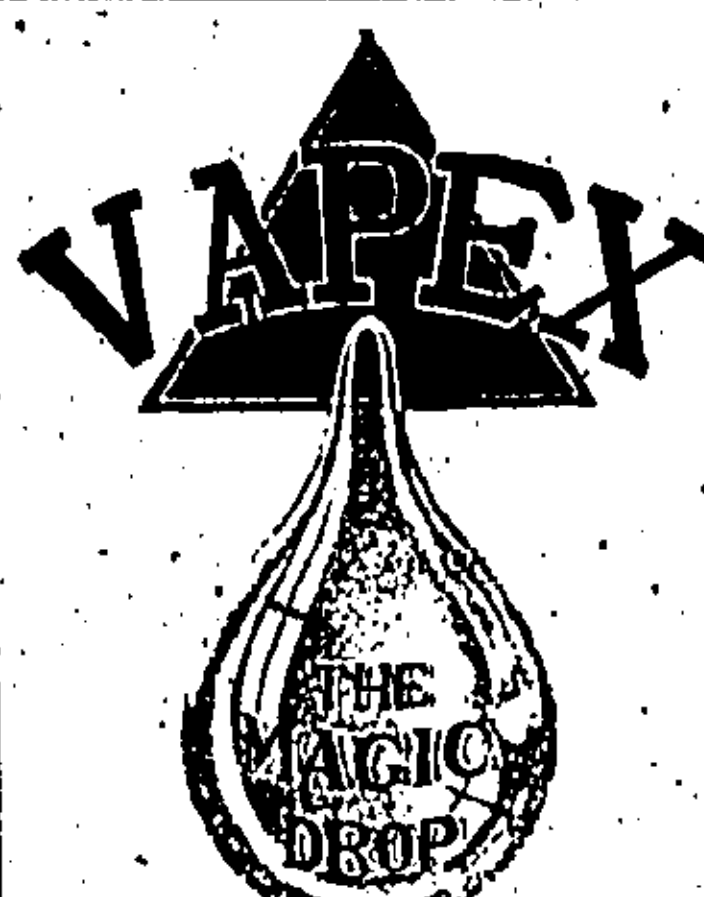
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CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	
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JAPAN PORTS	
ATLAS MARU	Saturday, 15th December.
BATAVIA MARU	Thursday, 20th December.
KEELUNG—Via SWATOW & AMOY.	
HOZAN MARU	Sunday, 16th December Noon.
CANTON MARU	Sunday, 23rd December Noon.
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For the benefit of the local American community, the names of the travellers are given below. Passing through by s.s. "President Van Buren" due here on January 12 and leaving on the following day are Messrs. J. H. Marshall, C. A. Raikes, J. E. Crawford, V. M. Montgomery, E. G. Dorland, E. H. Frazer, W. M. Taylor, E. L. Stewart, B. L. Finlison, J. K. Livingston, Lester Ross; the Misses Jane George, Rachael Mulford, M. H. Radford, E. Horn, Iolanda Ingalls, C. Sibley, T. Keith, M. Morrison, E. Morey, H. Knudsen, V. A. Rishal, V. Turner, P. J. Frazer, Mildred Harrington, Nancy Sasser, Anna Wood, Norma Felder, R. Henderson; Mrs. G. E. Vaughan, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Ross, Professor and Mrs. J. P. Rowe, Professor and Mrs. Russell Krauss.

Arriving by s.s. "President Jefferson" on Jan. 14 and stopping over in Hong Kong for two weeks, to sail for Europe by s.s. "President Hayes" on Jan. 27, are Messrs. A. Compton, W. H. Childers, W. W. Signor, O. Ritan, L. E. Baneroff, S. Cresswell, J. W. Jandrey, A. A. Meuller, C. A. Douglas, W. Blodgett, J. W. Winch, J. Blodgett, J. Vinson, J. L. Youngblood, Lloyd Woodhouse, R. O. Dulaney, P. Sasser, J. Curwood, C. W. Sawelle, M. M. Mathewson, W. Gordon, M. Booth, G. Buzza, H. Robinson, J. A. Redfield, J. T. Henry O. Souza, Misses Martha and Mary Blodgett, V. L. Leigh, V. M. Hill, M. Woodson, M. Butrick, M. Mikelson, H. Ford, B. Davidson, D. Davidson, B. Hurt, C. Mann, H. Macmillan, M. Crenshaw, F. Sherman, M. Ross, C. Erti, Anna and Frances Atkinson, J. Klumpkey, M. Liljedahl, and de Graffenreid; Professor and Mrs. H. M. Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. S. Greenbie, Mr. and Mrs. Selden Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. F. E. C. Gunnell, Professor and Mrs. Anderson Weaver, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Blodgett, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Coman, Mrs. L. Buttrick, Mrs. M. Mickelson, Mrs. Ray Hurt, Mrs. F. C. Todd, Mrs. A. M. Dunbar, Mrs. L. Douglass.

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Every year some innovation or marked improvement of accommodation is included in the "spring clean." This year, for instance, many thousands of pounds will be spent in installing additional private bathrooms in the first-class quarters of these liners, whilst in the lounge of the "Homeric" there will be laid a luxuriously carpet, the value of which represents the cost of a moderately sized dwellinghouse.

Speaking about the installation of the bathrooms, a White Star Line official recently said that during the past year there had been an increasing demand for suite rooms combined with a private bathroom. "During the year all manner of requests from passengers are carefully noted," he added, and these requests help us considerably in improving, and providing innovations. This year, the providing of these rooms has been the big item on our spring cleaning agenda. There has also been a big demand for dining tables to seat two, and we have decided to place a large number of additional tables of this type in the saloons of the "Big Three."

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Metal work abounds amongst the fixtures and fittings. In the liner's spring clean every piece is thoroughly cleaned, after which it is given another coat of lacquer. Thousands of bedsteads are taken to pieces and repolished. Over 4,000 pieces of furniture have to be carefully inspected. Then, of course, there are the walls of all the sumptuous saloons and cabins to be attended to. Some idea of what this means will be obtained from the fact that as much as 600 gallons of paint and enamel will be used in redecorating the interior of the "Majestic."

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Colombo on Thursday at 5 a.m., left Colombo at 4 p.m., and is due at Port Said on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" from Hong Kong on Nov. 28, left Yokohama on Thursday, and is due at Vancouver on Saturday.

The Ben Line s.s. "Benary" from Europe, Straits and Philippines is due to arrive here on Sunday.

The P. & O. s.s. "Tresillian" left Singapore for this port on Tuesday at 6.30 a.m., and is due here on Dec. 17 at about noon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Yokohama yesterday at 2 p.m.; left Yokohama same day at 8 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Dec. 20 at 8 p.m.

The M.V. s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co. Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Nov. 15, and is due here on or about Dec. 24.

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For many years past the whaling industry has been of the highest importance for Norway. That country's share in the total yield of last year's catch was 720,000 barrels out of about 1,200,000 barrels for all the nations interested in the industry. One of the most burning questions the present day is the scientific solution of problems of the whale supply and of whale migration. Upon this important matter Professor Johan Hjort, of the Oslo University, who is a specialist in all questions relating to whaling, has issued an important statement as to the present situation, of which the following is a summary:—

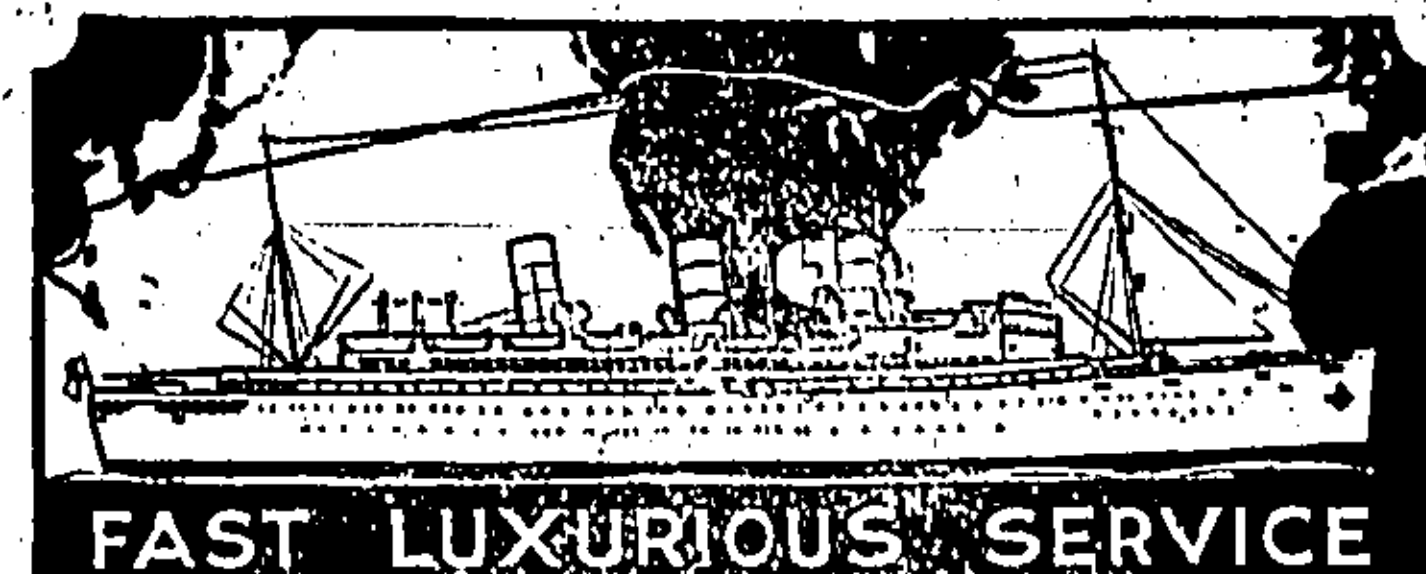
During the war the British authorities feared that the supplies of whales in the Antarctic were decreasing too rapidly, and that soon the question would have to be considered whether whaling ought not to be stopped, at least in so far as it was dependent upon British concessions. Accordingly, a committee was appointed to make a thorough inquiry into this question.

"Professor Hjort" who was chosen as a member of this committee, drew up a chart of the Antarctic on which were marked all the places at which former expeditions had sighted whales. These places were so many in number that they practically proved that whales were everywhere along the ice-border. Accordingly, "Professor Hjort" expressed an opinion against the proposed limitation of whaling, and declared that there was no justification for the fear that the whale was in any danger of extermination by the increased activity of those days.

Friendly Negotiations. The final result of the deliberations of the committee was the fitting out of the famous British "Discovery" Expedition. While this expedition was carrying out its investigations in the Antarctic, a survey of the waters around Northern Norway was begun under the auspices of the Norwegian Government. The results of the two expeditions will probably be published in the course of the ensuing year. Thanks very largely to the friendly negotiations of the Norwegian scientist with the British authorities, the concessions of Norway were extended for another five years.

In the meanwhile, however, the whaling activity of the last two or three years, both in regard to the methods adopted and to the number of expeditions sent out, has assumed such an extent that a solution of the question concerning the existing supplies of whales appears to be urgently necessary. In the opinion of "Professor Hjort," the best way of finding a solution would be the fitting out of a special expedition consisting of a floating factory and several whaling steamers, which would pursue an intensive catch at several selected places so as to establish whether whaling were practicable everywhere in the Antarctic or only in determined regions. Such an expedition would at the same time carry out biological studies from which a great many facts of real scientific value might be learned about the life and habits of the whale.

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The carrying through of the scheme is conditional upon its acceptance by Cargo Fleet shareholders holding over 50 per cent. in value of the shares by November 24, and upon the sanction of the shareholders of the South Durham Company to the proposed increase in capital by the issue of the 600,000 "B" Ordinary shares of £1 each, with the rights above stated.

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Belfast.—Mrs. H. G. Cawley, wife of the managing director of Wilson's Meats, Ltd., gracefully performed the launching ceremony of the Highland Brigade from Messrs. Harland and Wolff's east yard, Belfast. The third of the twin-screw passenger and refrigerating cargo motorships ordered by Messrs. H. W. Nelson, Ltd., and the first of them, the Highland Monarch, is already on her maiden voyage. With a gross tonnage of 14,150 she is 520ft. long, 69ft. broad and 35 ft. 9in. in depth to the upper deck.

Subsequent to launch Messrs. Harland and Wolff gave a luncheon at which amongst others were present—Lord Suffield, director of Nelson Line; and Mr. A. R. T. Woods, general manager; Mr. Cawley, managing director of Messrs. Wilson's Meats, Ltd., and Mrs. Cawley; Mr. R. E. Herdman, D.L., chairman of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners; Sir Robert Baird, D.L.; Mr. F. E. Rebbeck, J.P.; and Mr. Charles Payne, D.L., managing directors of Messrs. Harland and Wolff, Ltd., and other representatives of the owners and builders.

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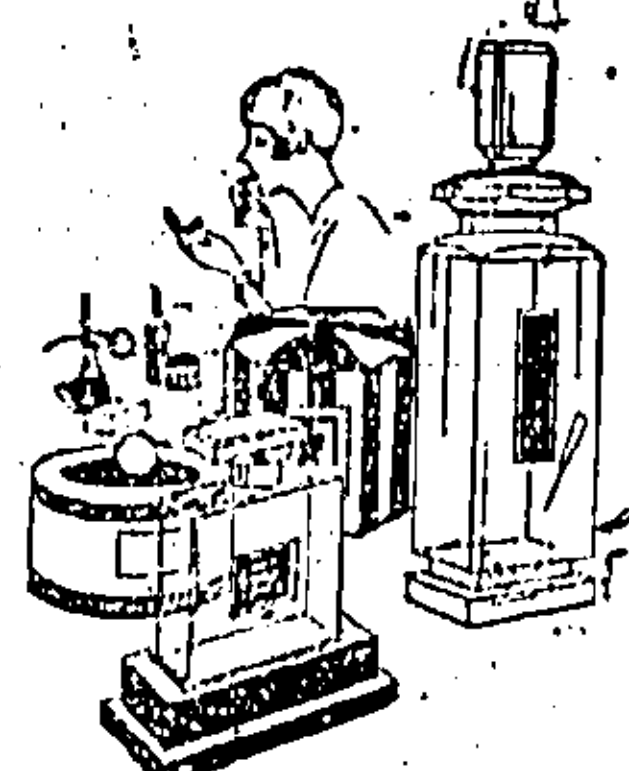
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HONG KONG SCHOOL GIRLS AND SPORT

The students of the Diocesan Girls' School are to be congratulated upon the able manner in which their school is conducted and upon the improvements that are made from time to time in it. We are not so sure that they should be congratulated upon what appears to be a tendency to increase the amount of sport indulged in at the school. This tendency seems to be general in all schools for girls, and it is to be deplored. For girls as well as boys a healthy mind in a healthy body is very necessary, but, so far as girls are concerned, we are of opinion that the aim should be rather to discourage than to encourage so much time being taken up with games. It would appear that many people are of opinion that sport is as essential for girls as it is for boys and that girls should take part in games as frequently and in much the same way as boys. That way dangers for girls very obviously were never intended by nature to indulge in games to the extent that boys do and should indulge in them. Tennis, to a reasonable extent, hockey, croquet and several other games of the "quieter" sort are quite suitable for girls, but when they enter upon games, as they now far too often do and apparently with as much zest as boys, such a tendency should be discouraged rather than encouraged. There are the best of reasons why boys and young men should play games regularly and with as much spirit as possible, as it is very

desirable that physically they should be muscular and as firm of body as possible so as to counteract the effect of the arduous work in which they are called upon to do practically every day of their lives.

But it is, or should be, very different with girls. Do girls want to be muscular? Who wants to see muscular girls? Being healthy and reasonably strong should be the aim of girls and young women, and by a tolerable indulgence in games and physical exercises this aim can be accomplished; but when they engage too much in games, especially of the rougher sort, they are doing themselves much more harm than good. Girls' games at school should be confined strictly to such as are suitable to their physique. They should in no way imitate or emulate boys, as by doing so they are sure to do themselves harm. They can receive all the healthy exhilaration necessary in playing the milder games, whereas, we repeat, the rougher games that some think quite as good for girls as for boys should not be indulged in by girls. We are inclined to suspect that most girls indulge in certain games quite unsuited to their physique simply because they are under the delusion that what is good fun for boys must be good fun for girls. But this is a harmful fallacy, and one which should on all suitable occasions be corrected. We are far from advocating that girls should not play regularly at games. They should; but the games should be suitable to their sex and should not, as we fear lots of the games indulged in by girls to-day do, tend to cause them to appear masculine.

Good health and masculinity (and muscularity) in girls are very different things; the first is, of course, very desirable; the second should be avoided in every possible way. Many girls and young women seem to think that because boys and young men derive lots of fun and enjoyment from certain games, girls should also enjoy such games in much the same way, and get as much fun out of them. This is quite a delusion simply because boys are boys and girls are girls and masculinity in young women is deplorable. By all means our girls and young women should continue to enjoy certain sports, but they should be of the right sort, for when they are of the wrong sort they do the girls and young women more harm than they probably are aware. Therefore we trust that

the pupils of the Diocesan Girls' School who have just opened a new pavilion will, while rejoicing in their freedom to indulge in games—perhaps to a greater extent than they really should—set a rational standard so that their example may be worthy of following and they themselves be really admirable in the best of ways. The spirit of good fellowship and good sportsmanship, happily mentioned by Mrs. W. T. Southern, in opening the Pavilion, can be acquired much better in a reasonable amount of sport rather than in its over-indulgence.

Sino-British Understanding

The dinner given in Shanghai by the British Chamber of Commerce and the China Association, at which Dr. C. T. Wang, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr. H. H. Hung, Minister for Commerce, were the guests, marks a new stage in Sino-British relations. This is, we believe, the first time since 1925 that such a function has been held in the northern port. There have, of course, since the occasion of the Nanjing-road incidents, been a number of meetings between Chinese and Britons in both official and social capacities, as witness the frequent functions, that are held at the Union Club, but none of them has carried the importance that is carried by the dinner, and what was said at the dinner, as reported in this issue of the "China Mail." Dr. Wang, it seems, spoke with entire frankness, as did the Chairman of the British Chamber and China Association, Mr. Calder Marshall. The former expressed the hope that Britain would not lend her support to any moves that would prevent China working out her own destiny and emphasised that the Nationalist Government was ready and eager to respond to Britain's desire for understanding and co-operation from China. Mr. Calder Marshall pointed out that while Britain had the welfare of China at heart, he hoped that such matters as vexatious taxes impeding commerce and the occurrence of unfortunate incidents, together with the inability to obtain redress would receive attention so that there should be security and justice in united China. Here we had sound, plain speaking on both sides, and no harm done.

In spite of all that has been accomplished in recent years to make life more tolerable as well as more rapid, more simple as well as more complex, there can be hardly any doubt that we are on the threshold of an era of still more marvellous knowledge which may revolutionise our material existence.

The prospect is so fascinating that it seems a pity we cannot all live to be a thousand years old to enjoy it. But then, perhaps—who knows?—we may. —"Daily News" (London).

The Annual Feast and bazaar of St. Francis' Xavier will take place on Dec. 16. All friends are cordially invited.

The Little Sisters of the Poor acknowledge with thanks the gift of \$100 from Miss Cyril Joseph as a donation towards their Home for the Aged Poor.

Divided into weekly and monthly sheets, a wall calendar issued by the Red Star Line has been sent to the "China Mail" by the American Express Co.

An advertisement in to-day's issue states that the management notifies that no further reservations can now be made for the New Year's Eve Carnival at the Repulse Bay Hotel, as all the available accommodation has been fully reserved.

The case in which two barbers are charged with murdering another fellow-barber was again brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court. The victim after being wounded on the face, struggled in securing the weapon. The attacker is still at large.

A Chinese butcher, a former worker at the Central Market, was yesterday stabbed by an unknown assailant at the Central Market. The victim after being wounded on the face, struggled in securing the weapon. The attacker is still at large.

Seven cases of small-pox were reported in the Colony yesterday.

A display of drill and action songs will be presented by the pupils of the Quarry Bay School on December 18 at 2.30 p.m.

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. J. R. Soares, No. 11, Beaconsfield-arcade, and Miss B. J. dos Santos, "Mignon," Wanchai.

On the night of Jan. 8 and 10, the well-known American farce (three acts) "What Happened to Jones," will be presented at the Star Theatre. This has been organised by the leading members of the Portuguese community, under the auspices of the Club de Recreio Amateur Players.

The Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are opening a Kowloon Sub-Agency with offices in the Peninsula Hotel on January 2 next. Clients desirous of transferring savings bank or current accounts from the Hong Kong office to the Kowloon Office may do so on or after that date. The usual banking business will be transacted.

In the St. Vincent de Paul Bazaar, Fancy Article Stall Raffle, the following were prize-winners:—Ticket No. 2, Rev. P. H. Taggart, 17, Tuti Noronha, 42, Miss M. Loureiro, 144, A. Chisholm Batten, 168, P. H. Larken, 106, E. Alves, 146, K. M. Young, 15, Aurea Sousa, 145, K. M. Young, 185, Messy Alves. The \$22-hat presented by the Dolly Varden House was won by Mrs. A. J. Kinchin, and the diamond ring which was hidden in the Surprise Cake was won by the Rev. Father Riganti.

MIRACLES

BISHOP ON THE CRUX OF THE QUESTION

Oxford.—The Bishop of Oxford referred at the Oxford Diocesan Conference to the controversy in the question of the Virgin Birth. He said:—

"It is the nature of the event itself which really challenges question, because it is a tremendous departure from all that our experience records. It is here, and not in the historical evidence, that the whole crux of the question lies.

"The ultimate question, therefore, is really how do we conceive the world and the relation of God to it? Are the rules which we formulate on the basis of creation and revelation final in the sense that they bind God, or are they statements of observed uniformities, limited in operation to the phenomena on which they are based, and not rightly claiming finality outside this region?"

"If it is maintained that the very idea of a miracle such as this is contradictory from all certain knowledge, and impossible even to God, then no doubt the belief in the Virgin Birth must go. But I should venture to say that such a belief as this is not increasing in favour."

"DELYSIA"

REGISTER OFFICE NOTICE OF HER WEDDING

A further stage in the Alice Delysia romance, details of which were first published in the "Evening Standard," has been reached in the official notification of her forthcoming marriage.

In the notice which appears at Hampstead Register Office she is described as Alice Henrietta Lapize (known as "Alice Delysia"), spinster, actress, 36.

Her prospective husband is Georges Emil Denis, bachelor, aged 31 described as general manager of a newspaper, of Frognaal-gardens, Hampstead. The ceremony, as previously indicated, will take place at Notre Dame de France, Leicester-square.

Over a period of years the marriage intentions of Delysia have been speculated upon. When she was playing in "As You Were" at the London Pavilion it was reported that she was to marry Charles Cuvillier, the composer of "The Lilac Domino."

In February, 1925, she said, after a trip to Algeria, that a sheik had proposed to her, but he had dirty hands, a long beard and several wives. A year later it was suggested that an Englishman of title was to marry her.

FORGED NOTES CASE

Mr. R. E. Lindsell was engaged throughout yesterday afternoon taking evidence in the case in which ten Chinese men and two women are charged with conspiracy and other serious offences, in connection with the recent discovery in Hong Kong of a quantity of forged \$50 (1923 issue) banknotes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Evidence heard yesterday corroborated the opening statement

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

The subject was things that happened during the late war and the high price that flour went to was mentioned. One man said that before he would pay that price for flour, he would eat dry bread, and before he would let his children starve, he would work for now't.

Uncle (meeting nephew coming home from school): "Now, John, do you know your alphabet?" John: "Oh, yes, uncle." Uncle: "Then tell me what letters come after A." John (promptly): "All the others, uncle."

Colonel (consoling to Vicar, whom he has beaten badly at golf): "Never mind, padre; you'll win in the end. One of these days you'll be burying me." Vicar (sadly): "Yes, but even then it will be your 'hole.'"

A Clergyman was marrying a couple in church, and asked the man: "Wilt thou take this woman as thy wedded wife?" The man replied: "Would you?"

The clergyman said "No." So the man, rising, said: "Well, be hanged if I will, then."

"How long you in jail for, Mose?"

"Two weeks."

"What am de ch'ge?"

"No ch'ge; everything am free."

"Ah mean, what has you did?"

"Don shot my wife."

"You killed yo' wife, and only in gaol for two weeks?"

"Dat's all—den I gits hung."

An eminent physician had the greatest opinion of the good effect of cheerfulness on sick persons. "You must drive away this depression," he remarked to one particularly discouraged patient. "Practise cheerfulness; sing at your work, you know, and that sort of thing."

"Sing at my work, doctor?" grumbled the patient. "How do you think I can? I'm a glass-blower."

"What became of your little goldfish?" asked a visitor of a small boy. "Did it die?"

"No."

"Killed?"

"No."

"Lost?"

"No."

"Poisoned?"

"No."

"Then what happened to it?"

"It grew into a big fish!"

Roper's attempted journey to the seaside in his second-hand motor-car had ended in a fiasco. Six times had it broken down en route, and finally he had left it in a garage and finished his journey by train. He decided to try and sell it.

"Sixteen words for four shillings, sir," said the clerk at the local newspaper office. "That is the charge in the 'Motors For Sale' column."

"I don't want it in that column," groaned Roper. "Shove it in the 'agon' column. That's its proper place."

Farmer Harris had sent his son Sammy to a high school. Before he went away Sammy was a true son of the soil, but when he came back to the farm after his first term, there was a slight difference, and his father noticed it.

"I dunno quite wot 't mak' o' my Sammy," he said to his neighbour, Farmer Phillips. "'E don't seem exactly 't same, very 'feglatin an' disdainful in is' talk. 'E calls bushes 'foliage' now an' uses a lot o' other words, the like o' which I never 'eard before 'e went away."

"Aw, no doubt 'e be learnin' this 'ere 'aughty-culture' at the skawl whe'r 'e be at," said Phillips.

The wealthy baronet had not always been wealthy, neither had he always been a baronet, and, for that reason, he was prone to keep rather a sharp eye on his money. He had noticed for some time that when the bottles of wine were brought in they were not quite so full as they ought to have been, and, accordingly, he requested his butler to do all the opening in his presence.

"I notice," he said sternly, "that when you draw the cork in the pantry the wine is extremely decollete."

The butler looked surprised and asked: "Extremely decollete, sir?"

"Yes," replied the baronet more sternly still, "rather low in the neck."

of Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, already reported in the "China Mail."

GRAND TATTOO

\$16,306.38 FOR NAVAL AND MILITARY Y.M.C.A.

FINAL MEETING

The Grand Tattoo returned a net profit of \$16,306.38, which, it was decided at the final meeting of the Working Committee in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., last evening, will be divided equally between the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., and the regimental charity funds of the various troops which took part in the Tattoo.

The takings on each of the three nights of the tattoo were—

October 4 \$ 9,585.03
October 5 \$10,765.19
October 6 \$11,890.78

The balance sheet, signed by Mr. H. R. Forsyth, Chairman of the Finance Committee, and Mr. G. E. Towns, Hon. Treasurer, was as follows:

Receipts
Sale of tickets \$32,241.00
Sale of parking tickets 929.50
Donations 1,050.00
Profit on Tattoo Charity football match 1,184.20
Bank interest 70.77
Total \$35,475.47

Expenditure
Insurance \$ 2,822.07
Construction of stands, scenery and fencing 8,326.81
Lighting 1,033.18
Payments to military for transport, ammunition, refreshments for troops, etc. 3,855.75
Advertising, less proceeds from sale of programmes and advertisements in programmes 965.17
Secretarial expenses, cables, etc. 297.90
Stationery, printing tickets, etc. 528.53
Sundries 539.63
Reconditioning ground and repairs to roofing 800.00
Balance at credit in current account 16,306.38
Total \$35,475.47

Official Reports
H.E. Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., presided over the final meeting of the Working Committee, held in the board room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., yesterday evening when the statement of accounts was presented. The Honorary General Secretary, Mr. J. H. Hunt gave a brief resume of the organisation of the Grand Tattoo, and the accounts were explained by Mr. H. R. Forsyth, chairman of the Finance Committee.

Commenting on the nightly results, Mr. Forsyth said the capacity of the ground, after deducting seats for performers, etc., was expected to bring in less than the actual proceeds of \$71,890 for the last night and it would be seen that the ground was "over capacity" on the Saturday. That was accounted for by the sale of standing room seats printed at the last moment in consequence of the demand for accommodation.

With regard to payments, he said that the total for the construction of stands, etc., included a payment of over \$7,000 to the stand contractor, while the amount for lighting included payment to the Electric Company and the cost of wiring. Under the head of payments to military the principal item was transport which cost \$1,650. Advertisements and revenue from the sale of programmes had resulted in a much smaller sum being spent on publicity than was at one time thought.

Equal Distribution
Mr. Forsyth moved the adoption of the accounts and that the balance at the bank be equally divided between the regimental charities of the troops taking part in the Tattoo and the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.

Mr. R. Sutherland seconded and the motion was carried.

A Successful Conclusion
H.E. Major General Luard said that the Grand Tattoo had been carried through to a very successful conclusion as shown by the credit balance of over \$16,000, a sum in excess of what the most optimistic hoped for at one time when there was the risk of wet weather. He pointed out that cards of thanks had been sent out by the Honorary General Secretary to those taking part in the Tattoo, and it only remained for him (the chairman) to thank members of the Working Committee for the time they had given, the interest they had shown and the hard work they had put in.

It would be invidious to mention names where so much had been done by so many people but he would make an exception and suggest that a vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Hunt, the General Secretary for his services.

Tribute to Secretary
Major General Luard said that as the General Officer Commanding he would like to express thanks to

"KIDDIES" CONCERT

DELIGHTFUL PROGRAMME AT HELENA MAY INSTITUTE

YOUTHFUL TALENT

The concert at the Helena May Institute, arranged by Mrs. Davenport Browne, "Music of Childhood" was well carried out yesterday.

Mrs. Hargreaves Browne opened the concert with suitable pieces for the occasion. She was heard again later. Mrs. Bellamy was in good voice and in all her items was well received. Mr. F. Mason, A.R.C.O., L.T.C.L., was her accompanist.

The children's singing was the delight of the evening, one only wished they had appeared again. Some of them were just tiny tots, but they were there to do the part and did it well.

Little Miss Hargreaves Browne was the hit. Her solos were a rare treat and for one so young she was very good. There was no shyness, and her voice could be heard all over the hall.

Miss Acheson is a born reciter and did full justice to the pieces chosen. The "kiddies" were delighted with her.

The audience was largely composed of children, and their remarks and laughter made the rest of the audience feel young.

The programme was as follows:

Children's Corner C. Debussy
Little Shepherd
Valse de la Poupée
Mrs. Hargreaves Browne
The Lamplighter R. Quilter
Where go the Bonts
Before Tea H. Fraser Simpson
Mrs. Bellamy
French Nursery Rhymes
La Mère Michel
L'Agneau tout blanc G. C. Daleron
Sur le Pont d'Aiglon
Petit Tambour
En passant par la Lorraine
Jacqueline and Jill Hargreaves
Brownie, Sylvia and Mary
Pethwick, Victor and Betty
Comyn, Rosaline and Andrew
Kiloch, Pauline Wolfe-Murray
Yvonne Davenport Browne
Betty Richards, Marguerite
MacElderry
King John's Xmas A. A. Milne
Puppy and I
Lines and Squares
Miss Acheson
Gavotte Variée Handel
Goliwog Cakeywalk C. Debussy
Mrs. Hargreaves Browne
Two Little Stars Charles V. Stanford
Little Snow drop
There are Fairies at the Bottom of the Garden Liza Lehman
Mrs. Bellamy
The Three Foxes A. A. Milne
Us Two
The Little black Hen
Miss Acheson

COLLEGE "OLD BOYS"

FINE CONCERT PROGRAMME ARRANGED

An excellent programme has been arranged for the St. Joseph's College "Old Boys" concert, which is being held in the College Hall, Kennedy-road, at 5.45 p.m. to-day.

The first part includes comic songs by Mr. M. F. Baptista, a comic monologue by R. M. Omar, violin solos by Messrs. Abraham and J. Braga, and a song by Mr. G. F. Aquino. Rev. Bro. Marcellian will deliver a brief address.

The second part of the programme will be in the hands of the "Aloha Serenaders," with a number of Hawaiian instrumental items, and a duet by Messrs. H. R. Sequeira and G. F. d'Aquino.

PASSENGER LIST

ARRIVALS.

Passengers arrived by the P. and O. s.s. "Kashmir" from the North yesterday were:—Miss J. G. Brown, Mr. H. M. Ching, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Chung, Mrs. Chuck, Mr. K. C. Chin, Mr. C. Dang, Sir Henry Gollan, Mr. G. Guter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jackson, Mr. E. Jones, Mr. R. L. Lin, Mr. L. Milner, Mr. and Mrs. S. Parker, Mr. A. Paton, Mr. Z. G. Tan, Mr. T. K. Wong, Mr. K. K. Yang.

the residents of the Colony for the kind and generous way in which they had come forward in providing funds for the Naval and Military Y.M.C.A., and the regimental charities. In conclusion he personally thanked members of the Working Committee for their help.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden said that during the organisation he came into close contact with Mr. Hunt and knew the tremendous amount of work he had done. The speaker seconded the motion for a vote of thanks to be passed, being supported by all members of the Committee.

Mr. P. S. Cassidy moved a vote of thanks to Major General Luard, the chairman. He thought the committee had been unique in its constitution and that it owed a debt of gratitude to the General Officer Commanding for presiding over it.

AT THE WORLD

"THE PRINCE OF NISEN"

AMUSING COMEDY

Now showing at the World is a wonderful comedy featuring Anita Stewart and George Sydney. As Hans Wagner, the latter plays a humorous role very successfully. Those who remember him in other parts he has taken will be delighted in his portrayal of a man who seemed to think there was nothing in life but lodges. And thus he goes his way through the story, getting into many scrapes but never seeming to realise how serious the situation is. And, finally, for his funny adventures in a Palace—which, incidentally, he took to be a magnificent lodge—he faces a firing party. But he is saved and the story ends, as it began, in a humorous manner. It is just one laugh after another. This picture is preceded by a Fox news reel and one of the popular "Our Gang" comedies entitled "Fair and Muddy." It is an excellent programme and should not be missed by those who enjoy a good laugh.

"BARBED WIRE"

PICTURE OF STRIFE AND WAR

AT THE QUEEN'S

The greatest emotional actress on the screen, Pola Negri, is to be seen at the Queen's Theatre for a three days' run. Pola, in "Barbed Wire," is shown as a beautiful Normandy girl whose bitter hate for the Germans turns to a deep and lasting love for one soldier of the enemy.

The film is adapted by a prominent German producer, Erich Pommer, from a famous novel by Hall Caine, and by clever direction and still more smart adaptation, the unusual theme and the tense situations are portrayed in a remarkably convincing manner, and the story is absolutely true to life.

Many, no doubt, have read the story, and the piece will therefore be all the more enjoyed. All may rest assured that they will have their money's worth if they pay a visit to the Queen's to-day. There is a large supporting cast, and Olive Brook plays the leading male role, excellently supporting Miss Negri.

THE "PATSY"

SPLENDID COMEDY COMING TO QUEEN'S

Delightful Marion Davies, the star of many noteworthy comedy productions, returns to the screen at the Queen's Theatre on Sunday and Monday, next in her latest screen success "The Patsy."

"Patsy" is a girl who, despite her many worries, persists in seeing humour in everything even when she treads upon the feet of the man she loves when dancing. King Vidor who directed "The Big Parade" also directed this picture and introduces several unique situations replete with humour of his own particular type. An interesting feature of the film is the impersonation by Miss Davies of several well known movie stars including Pola Negri, Lillian Gish and Mae Murray; and these scenes are responsible for quite a few of the laughs which the picture contains. An excellent cast appears in support of the star and includes, among others, such well known players as Lawrence Gray, Jane Winton and Marie Dressler.

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MANILA SHOWS

DRAWING CROWDS AT PRAYA EAST

CARNIVAL CIRCUIT

The Manila shows, now playing to one of the most successful show seasons ever enjoyed by a travelling company in Hong Kong, is planning to include this city on a carnival circuit that will bring at least one show of similar character here each year. The Manila shows, with headquarters in the Philippine Islands, is the largest outdoor amusement concern in the Orient, owning three carnival companies now playing in various parts of the East. The Churchill and Tail syndicate, owners of the Manila shows, own and control twenty of the latest rides, four of which are in Hong Kong at the present time. Besides riding devices their equipment consists of some 25 or 30 individual tented shows, numerous free acts, concessions and other show property necessary in conducting a business of this kind.

Hong Kong proves conclusively that outdoor attractions pay and good clean shows are always welcome here. Not only the Europeans in the Colony are interested but the Chinese are finding that amusements such as the Manila Shows offer are most desirable and they are attending the shows by thousands.

Saturday and Sunday there will be a special programme from 4 o'clock to 6 o'clock for families and the children. A free programme will be staged on the show grounds and several circus acts have been engaged for the occasions. Joe Peters, who has been looping-the-loop each night on a trapeze 50 feet in the air, will repeat his performance and, in all, a good afternoon's entertainment is promised.

AS A DOCTOR

(Continued From Page 1.)

"Grown Up Gradually"
Mr. Dovey agreed with Mr. Losoby that the Chinese practitioner probably started to use European drugs in the 50's and it had grown up gradually. Witness also agreed that the development of medical science was made as international as possible, and it was the duty of every practitioner to keep up to date.

Further Mr. Dovey agreed that most of the stuff found in the defendant's office could be purchased by anybody, anywhere. With the exception of the medicines for venereal diseases and the poisons, the stuff could be found in anybody's medicine chest.

Mr. Losoby suggested that the practice of medicine was not confined to doctors only, and mentioned nurses, dressers, dispensers and the St. John's people.

Mr. Dovey replied that he would not say that these people were actually practising medicine. They were merely carrying out certain medical duties.

Replying to a question suggested by Detective Inspector Lane, Mr. Dovey said that it was a fact that European drugs were more dangerous in the hands of unskilled persons, because they were much more concentrated than Chinese drugs.

Dr. Kirk's Evidence
The next witness was Dr. E. M. Kirk, a Government medical officer. He said that he had been practising in China since 1910, with the exception of the War period. He had also practised up-country for a number of years. Up there he had several personal friends who were Chinese herbalists, and had consulted with them.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

TO-DAY—QUEEN'S THEATRE; "BARBED WIRE."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Prince of Nisen."
To-day—Star Theatre; "The Escape."

To-day—St. Joseph's College Old Boys' Association held concert in College Hall, Kennedy-road, at 5.45 p.m.

To-day—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.

To-day—H.K.V.D.C. Machine Gun Company Dance, St. George's Room, City Hall, 9 p.m.

Dec. 16—Public Band Concert, Botanic Gardens, 4.30 p.m.

Dec. 16-17—Queen's Theatre; "The Patsy."

Dec. 16-17—World Theatre; "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" (at 5.15 and 9.15); Chinese picture "A Lady Detective" (at 2.30 and 7.15).

Dec. 16-17—Star Theatre; "The Bugle Call."

Dec. 18—Queen's Theatre; "Why Sailors Go Wrong."

Dec. 19-22—Queen's Theatre; "Fazil."

Dec. 17-19—World Theatre; "Across the Pacific."

Dec. 18-19—Star Theatre; "Beau Geste."

Dec. 19—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 4.30 p.m.

Dec. 20-22—World Theatre; "The Magic Flame" (at 5.15 and 9.15); Chinese picture "Nemesis" part 1 (at 2.30 and 7.15).

Dec. 20-22—Star Theatre "The Flame of Yukon."

Lammetts' Auctions
Dec. 15—At Standard Oil Co., godown, Lat Chi Kok, 94 cases Tins-plated "Coke," noon.

Dec. 18—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a large assortment of toys, 2.30 p.m.

Sports
To-day—H.K.V.M.C.A. Basket Ball, v. St. Andrews Y.M., 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 15—Fanning Hunt meet at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 16—Fanning Paper Hunt Dec. Cup, Jardine's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

Dec. 19—Fanning meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, 2.30 p.m.

EASTERN STUDENTS

LONDON'S GREAT COMMUNITY

Over London, and particularly in Bloomsbury, there are thousands of young men with whom lies, to a great degree, the future of India and the East. They are students from India, Japan and China and Africa.

An idea of their numbers may be gained from the fact that there are over two thousand students who are studying law at the Inns of Court, and that, roughly, half of these are from India and the East. There are more Indians than there ever have been before.

I found several cheap boarding-houses in Bloomsbury (writes a correspondent of the "Daily News") where there were no other lodgers than Indian students. There are also the many Indian students' hostels.

Many take the advice of their Government and try to find accommodation with English families. They have their own clubs, churches and branches of their home political organisations.

I was told, that some time ago several of their secret meetings were raided by special officers from Scotland Yard, but these organisations have either broken up or are no longer worth bothering about.

Perhaps the most remarkable, and those most significant of change, of all these foreign students are those from the Gold Coast. Among the London law students there are at least six African negroes. Several of them are brilliant students. Several others are scarcely average. But it is said of these black men that they are the best loved of all the coloured students. Not one of them has been reported to have gone away and left a debt unpaid. Nothing is a bother to them.

One of the most interesting features of this Indian student in London is that there are at least six Indian girls at present studying law. This, as a change in the outlook of Indian women, is revolutionary. Other girls are studying medicine and science and agriculture.

different from European methods. The Chinese method included a form of douching, but the glass syringe was entirely foreign to Chinese practice.

This case is proceeding.

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CHINESE AND BRITISH RELATIONSHIP

DR. WANG'S DISCOURSE

Shanghai, Yesterday.
Dr. C. T. Wang (Minister of Foreign Affairs) and Mr. H. H. Kung (Minister of Industry, Labour and Commerce) were the guests at a dinner to-night given by the British Chamber of Commerce and the China Association.
In the course of a speech, Dr. Wang said he appreciated the spirit which animated the occasion, which he interpreted as the spirit which sought a better understanding of China, so that Sino-British relationships might continue to improve.
Mutual lack of understanding had been the cause of many frictions in the past, but experience was guiding both nations to the path of that normal and equitable relationship and co-operation which should have existed long since between them.

Dr. Wang continued to say that if the Chinese people were quick to resent unjust or intolerant treatment, they were as quick to respond to gestures of friendship.

Trying Times Over

"The British declarations of December, 1926, and January, 1927, although falling at the time to dissipate apprehensions lingering in the mind of the Chinese people, have gradually changed their attitude towards Britain."

"The National Government regard the trying times that existed between Britain and China as now over." In a country with a past like that of China, and which politically was slowly changing to its foundations, a man who expects the absence of anomalies, or instability and uncertainty to a certain extent—well he has not read history. Almost more than any other of the kindly qualities China these days needs is forbearance on the part of her critics. She also needs understanding.

"The immediate future of China depends a good deal on the recent and present negotiations with the Powers. In this respect, I feel assured the British nation will not lend support—directly or indirectly—to any moves which any other quarter may make to prevent China from working out her own destiny—calculated to disintegrate China politically or secure a continuance of the state of instability and uncertainty from which China is emerging."

"I Feel Confident"

"In this connection I remind you that as long ago as 1898 the Duke of Devonshire, then Minister for Foreign Affairs, pointed out that Britain's main interests in China were commercial interests, and any attempt on the part of other nations to establish in China spheres of influence where the principles of commercial exclusion might be upset would be opposed by Britain to the utmost. In view of the liberal re-orientation of Britain's foreign outlook since the war, and the recent statements made by British statesmen, I feel confident Britain to-day more than ever stands by that policy. Therefore it is expected she will never lend support, or even condonation, to the policies in any quarter which seek to secure those things which the Duke of Devonshire pledged Britain to oppose. Furthermore, to afford an opportunity for even the impression to prevail here that Britain is lending support or condonation in that respect would bring about apprehensions which we should all try to prevent to arise in the minds of the Chinese people."

Friendly Settlement

"It is common knowledge that your Government nowadays is unusually well-informed on all matters in the Far East, and therefore your rulers' friendly gesture, Mr. Baldwin's frank expression—of Britain's desire to take all practicable measures to meet the natural aspirations of our people, and Sir Austen Chamberlain's assurance that he is always anxious to do his utmost to settle in the most friendly manner outstanding questions with the National Government, encourage us in the immense task we have in hand—the enormous labour of co-ordinating modern thoughts and conditions with the social system which took root more than four thousand years ago."

Fruitful Results

"I understand from these speeches by your leading statesmen that the British Government seeks understanding and co-operation from China. They will certainly find the National Government ready, eager and responsive, and I sincerely hope this growing spirit of a better understanding will soon bear fruitful results."

"The year 1928 witnessed the continual recovery of British trade in China. The National Government is desirous to see it continue to flourish. It is my sincerest hope that to-night's friendly meeting between you and

us is a happy augury for the success of the new era of re-adjusted, equitable relationship between China and Britain."

Vexatious Taxes

Proposing the health of Dr. Wang, Dr. Kung, Mr. Calder Marshall (chairman of the British Chamber and the China Association) pointed out that Sino-British ideas of treaties, taxes and trade marks had not always synchronised, but both nations had the same goal—namely, the welfare of China.

Mr. Calder Marshall animatedly pointed out the vexatious taxes impeding commerce, and the occurrence of unfortunate incidents and the inability to obtain redress. He hoped these matters would receive attention so that there would be security and justice in united China.

The British realised the Chinese Government's task was colossal, but the statesmen leading China knew those eternal principles which are the cornerstones of national stability. He wished them every success in the great work.—Reuter.

EARLIER DIVORCES

WHAT A CYNIC MIGHT SAY

Some recent cases suggest that if marriages are not entered into more lightly to-day than in the past they are, at any rate, more lightly ended, says a London paper. A cynic might almost say that the only trial many couples give to marriage is the trial in the Divorce Court. It is a development of the utmost moment and anxiety, this increasing brevity of the marriage contract. Is the pace of modern life to blame or has the legalised secrecy, which now surrounds divorce still more to do with it? Those who pressed for the elimination of divorce reports—and undoubtedly they had a strong case—may be wondering whether their success is not defeating many of the objects they had in view. In most marriages there is a rough stretch that has to be rounded. The publicity of failure may have helped more people to round it in the past than was quite realised at the time.

Cuba Re-elects Him



President Gerardo Machado, of Cuba, who has just been re-elected as chief executive of island republic. He was the only candidate for President, this being unique in Cuban history. He will serve for the next six years.



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"THE UNFIT"

BILL TO LEGALISE STERILISATION

DOCTORS' SUPPORT

The London "Daily Mail" understands that a Bill to legalise the sterilisation of mental defectives has been drafted by the Eugenics Society for presentation to Parliament.

The Bill would give the local authority responsible for the administration of the Mental Deficiency Act, 1913, power to sterilise mental defectives subject to the approval of the Minister of Health, the Board of Control, and the parent of the defective. Consent of the parent would be dispensed with in the case of mental defectives who have been legally certified.

Sterilisation laws are already in existence in many States in the United States.

In its last report the Board of Control, which is responsible for the administration of the Lunacy Acts, stated:

"A careful study of the information before us leads us to the conclusion that the marriage of defectives has disastrous consequences to the community, and that the time has come when definite legislative steps should be taken to prevent such marriages."

"Urgent Necessity"

Sir William Arbuthnot Lane, the famous surgeon, told a reporter recently that the Bill would have the backing of almost the entire medical profession. He added:

"Doctors have realised for a long time that this is the only cure for a very serious evil. They have not advocated such drastic steps openly because of the opposition that might be aroused from those who hold that on no account should the liberty of the individual be interfered with."

"There is, however, a duty to the State and any Government should support the proposal, which has become an urgent necessity. The continuance of families of mental defectives cannot be justified on humanitarian or any other grounds. "I find that the public are even more advanced in their views on the proposals put forward by the Eugenics Society are likely to be supported by the majority of thinking people."

"DON'T GET IN WAY"

LORD MELCHETT'S ADVICE TO AMERICA

Speaking at a dinner given in New York in connection with the conclusion of the fifth conference of major industries, Lord Melchett asserted that Great Britain did not desire to reopen the debt settlement with the United States.

If that country did not wish to take any part in the settlement of the German reparations problem, he asked that it should "at least not get in the way." "Our difficulties in Europe," he continued, "are great enough but we feel competent to deal with European problems. Whenever an attempt is made in Europe to come together we are always greeted with suspicion and hostility on the part of the people on this side of the ocean, who attribute to us all kinds of motives which have never entered our minds."

"The outstanding feature of our economic difficulty is the settlement of the question of German reparations. America may or may not play a part in solving this problem, but one thing I beg you not to do, and that is, if you do not wish to play a part, don't get in the way."

An interesting scene followed the dinner, when seven representative pioneers of American industry were presented to the gathering, namely Mr. Ford (automobiles), Mr. Edison (inventions), Mr. Schwab (iron and steel), Mr. Julius Rosenwald (merchandise), Mr. Orville Wright (aviation), Mr. Eastman (photograph), and Mr. Firestone (rubber).

STANDARD TIME.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for December, 1928, (standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich), is as follows:—

	Sunrise.	Sunset.
	a.m.	p.m.
Dec. 14	6.55	5.41
15	6.55	5.41
16	6.56	5.42
17	6.56	5.42
18	6.57	5.42
19	6.57	5.43
20	6.58	5.43
21	6.58	5.44
22	6.59	5.44
23	6.59	5.45
24	7.00	5.45
25	7.00	5.46
26	7.01	5.47
27	7.01	5.47
28	7.02	5.48
29	7.02	5.48
30	7.02	5.49
31	7.03	5.49



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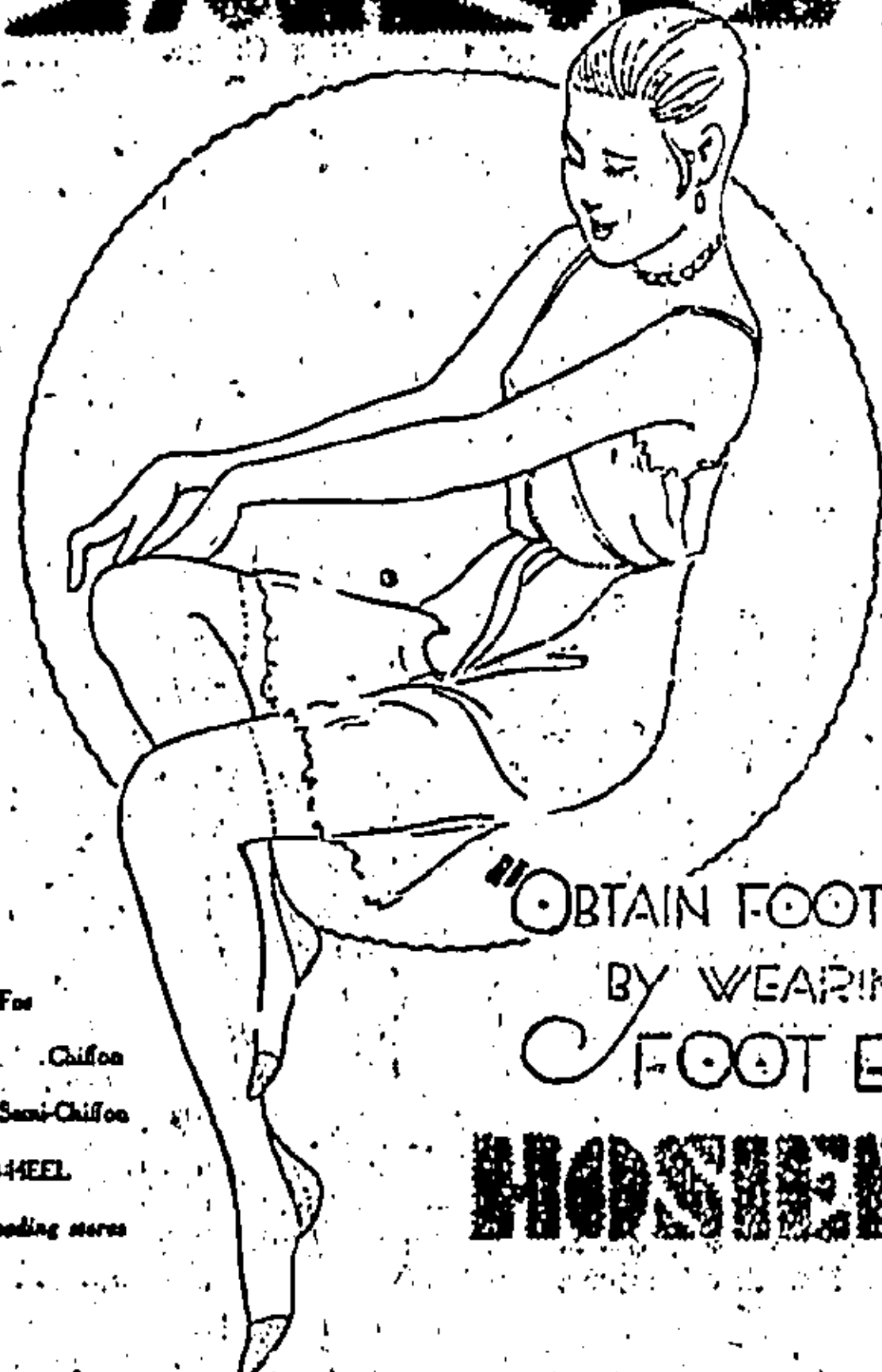
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SOCCER

Cup Final at the Valley

CHANCE FOR CHINESE

Strong Army Team To Be Fielded

THE JUNIOR PROGRAMME

[By "Rover."]

The big event in football to-morrow is the final for the Lai Wah Cup between the Army and the Chinese teams.

In addition there is one 1st Division League game and the usual Junior programme. The full list is as follows:—

Lai Wah Cup Final—kick-off 3.30 p.m.

The Army v. Chinese, Club ground, Valley—referee, L.S.E.A.

Atkinson; linesmen, Messrs. Stokes and Anderson.

Hong Kong League, Division I—kick-off 4.00 p.m.

Kowloon v. Police, Kowloon A.F.C.—referee, P.O. Cowan.

Hong Kong League, Division II—kick-off 2.30

Eastern v. Queen's Regt., Chinese ground—referee, Sgt. Lamb.

St. Joseph's v. Navy (B), St. Joseph's ground—referee, Sgt. Clark.

K.O.S.B. v. R.A.F., Sookumpoo.

Chinese Athletic v. South China A, Club ground—referee, Mr. Lawrence.

Small Units v. Kowloon, Kowloon—referee, Mr. Samy.

Recreio v. R.A., Recreio ground—referee, Lieut. Cpl. Sheard.

* Off.

There is bound to be a great crowd at the Valley as this year's final promises to be a more than usually exciting affair. Previous winners are:—

1925 "Civilian" Team

1926 "Civilian" Team

1927 "Army" Team

1928 "Civilian" Team

This year, in the semi-finals, the Army defeated the Navy team by five goals to nil and the Chinese defeated the Civilian team by three goals to two, both games being of a clever and exciting character. Army fielded a very strong team on the occasion of defeating the Navy and should start favourites to-morrow.

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Welterweight



Jackie Fields, one of the leading contenders for the welterweight boxing title, following his knock-out of Sammy Baker in two rounds.

v. Police on Kowloon Football Club

Ground on Saturday, kick off at 4.00 p.m.:

Kowloon:—Angus, Guest, Pile, Hedley, McKelvie, Easterbrook, Clemo, Spary, Miles, Hayes, Baldwin. Reserve: King.

Police:—Clarke, Williams, Wynne, Jessop, Hudson, Brittain, Shepherd, McGreavey, Fraser, Oram, Johnson.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 2nd XI.

v. Small Units on Chatham-road ground on Saturday, kick off at 2.30 p.m.:

Angus, Nicholls, Hast, White, Robson, Blacklock, Hannan, Davies, Moss, Morgan, Sutherland. Reserves: Seddon, Waddington.

Position of teams in the leagues to date are:

Division I.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

Queen's 8 7 0 1 24 7 12

S. China 6 5 0 1 16 5 12

Athletic 5 4 1 0 19 2 9

K.O.S.B. 7 4 1 2 22 9 9

Recreio 8 3 2 3 25 21 8

Police 7 3 2 2 14 11 8

R.A. 8 4 0 4 13 12 8

Navy 2 1 6 14 17 6

Kowloon 7 1 3 8 13 5

H.K.F.C. 7 1 1 5 10 27 3

Small Units 8 0 0 8 4 25 0

Division II.

P. W. D. L. F. A. Pts.

K.O.S.B. 8 7 0 1 44 7 14

Navy 7 5 1 1 33 8 11

Queen's 5 4 1 0 19 2 9

Athletic 5 4 0 1 13 1 8

Eastern 7 3 2 2 15 9 8

R.A.F. 9 8 1 5 20 20 7

S. China "B" 8 3 1 4 12 18 7

Recreio 8 3 1 4 11 25 7

St. Joseph's 8 2 2 4 10 15 6

S. China "A" 9 1 4 4 12 21 6

S. Units 9 2 1 6 11 35 5

Kowloon 7 2 0 5 6 23 5

R.A. 6 1 1 4 8 30 3

The University records have been erased from the above table.

The game between Queen's and Athletic, abandoned before full time has not been included. The result will be considered at the next meeting of the League Management Committee.

CUP REPLAY

LUTON STILL IN: FULHAM OUT

London, Yesterday.

In the Association Cup replay Luton beat Fulham by four goals to one.—Reuter.

RUGGER

H.K.F.C. EASILY DEFEAT H.M.S. "KENT"

The Hong Kong Football Club (rugby section) easily defeated H.M.S. "Kent" in a rugger match on the Club ground at Happy Valley yesterday. The winners touched down no less than ten times, seven being in the second half, and the losers failed to score.

One of the three tries in the first half was converted, and another after the change of ends.

Result: H.K.F.C. (2 goals, 8 tries) 34 points, H.M.S. "Kent" nil.

HOCKEY

The following will represent the St. Andrew's Church Young Men's Club on Saturday in a hockey match against the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club on the Hong Kong Hockey Club ground at King's Park at 3.30 p.m.:—T. S. D. Whitley (capt.), R. Baldwin, F. Angus, E. H. P. White, C. Francis, J. King, W. Brown, R. Wong, G. Lim, F. Wong and S. MacNider.

The following ladies have been chosen:

M. B. Bird, B. Laing, M. Wallace, E. O'Hagan, E. R. Bell, B. Taylor, I. C. Bell, N. McNeillie, D. Stanion, M. Hansen, and Mrs. M. J. Jarvis.

BASKETBALL

The following will represent the St. Andrew's Y.M.C. versus the Y.M.C.A. to-day in a basketball match at 6.15 p.m.:—F. Angus (capt.), T. S. D. Whitley, S. MacNider and D. Davidson.

BOXING TOURNEY

2ND KING'S OWN SCOTTISH BORDERERS

HEADQUARTERS WIN CUP

Semi-finals and finals in the annual boxing tournament of the 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers were decided in Murray Barracks open-air ring last night before a large and enthusiastic attendance which included a proportion of civilians.

Among those at the ringside were Lt.-Col. L. J. Comyn, C.M.G., D.S.O. (the commanding officer), Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., Major E. G. Miles, D.S.O., M.C., Captain A. G. Dobbie (Adjutant), Mr. R. M. Dyer (of the Hong Kong Boxing Association), other officers and a number of ladies.

Referees, judges and timekeepers were:—Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C. R.E., Captain J. C. Preston, M.B.E. (1st Batt. Beda. & Herts. Regt.), Lt. H. A. Kelly 2nd Batt. K.O.S.B.'s, Mr. A. Murdoch and Mr. H. G. Sheldon (of the H.K.B.A.).

Headquarters Wing won the inter-company Cup. In making the presentation, Lt.-Col. Comyn thanked the Battalion Boxing Committee and the officials. The fighting had been clean, he said, and the standard of boxing had improved. "A" and "C" Companies had given the winners a good run; but as both these units had won the Cup before, it was good to see it passing round. Results follow:—

Points Won

Headquarters Wing 33

"A" Company 23

"C" 23

"B" 20

Machine Gun Company 14

Flyweight

Pte. McWhan (B) beat Pte. Thornton (M) in 3rd round.

Bantamweight

Bandsman Johnston (H) beat Pte. Christie (C) in 3rd round.

Final: Bandsman Johnston (H) beat Pte. McWhan (B) on points.

Welterweight

Bandsman McConnell (H) beat Lee/Cpl. Palmer (A) on points.

Pte. Stevens (C) beat Pte. McDonald (B) on points.

Final: Bandsman McConnell (H) beat Pte. Stevens (C) on points.

Featherweight

Pte. McGuire (B) beat Pte. Morignac (A) on points.

Pte. Hume (C) beat Pte. Shea (C) in 2nd round.

Final: Pte. Hume (C) beat Pte. McGuire (B) in 3rd round.

Lightweight

Lee/Cpl. Gordon (B) knocked out Drummer Sawyer (H) in 1st round.

Pte. Beyer (C) beat Pte. Ellis (A) on points.

Final: Lee/Cpl. Gordon (B) beat Pte. Beyer (C) in 1st round.

Welterweight

Pte. Gillies (H) knocked out Pte. Spalding (C) in 1st round.

Piper Smith (H) beat Drummer Scott (H) on points after an extra (4th) round.

Final: Pte. Gillies (H) beat Pte. Smith (H) in 1st round.

Middleweight

Cpl. Frame (C) beat Pte. Freeman (B) in 1st round.

Lee/Cpl. Finlayson (A) beat Pte. Woolley (A) on points.

Final: Lee/Cpl. Finlayson (A) beat Cpl. Frame (C) on points.

Light-heavyweight

Sgt. Hawtett (H) beat Pte. Jamieson (C) in 1st round.

Pte. Finnigan (A) knocked out Pte. Tait (M) in 1st round.

Final: Sgt. Hawtett (H) received a walk-over from Pte. Finnigan (A) who was medically declared to be unfit.

BILLIARDS MATCH

The Royal Marines of H.M.S. "Cumberland" defeated H.M.S. "Thracian" in a billiards match by 47 points. Scores:—

"Thracian": "Cumberland"

Thomas 106 Hector 120

Orley 76 Williams 120

Kirton 120 Jetten 84

Pope 120 Coulson 76

Miles 95 Arnold 120

Barber 76 Still 120

Total 592 Total 589

GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

AT FANLING

9.30 a.m. A. B. Stewart, D. G. G. MacDonald.

9.35 " O. E. C. Marton, R. H. Hollis.

9.40 " S. T. Butlin, N. K. Littlejohn.

9.44 " E. R. Hallifax, T. G. Bennett.

9.48 " G. E. Towns, J. Cameron.

9.52 " W. J. Roberts, D. R. Perry.

9.56 " R. A. Campbell, M. M. Maas.

10.00 " W. C. Clark, W. A. Weight.

10.04 " A. B. Purves, J. S. MacLaren.

10.08 " A. Morley, D. M. Goodall.

10.12 " E. F. Fletcher, S. M. Monroe.

10.16 " D. W. McWhirter, A. Webster.

10.20 " C. B. Riggs, H. W. Beveridge.

10.24 " A. E. Lissaman, H. U. Ireland.

10.28 " R. M. Chaloner, H. Spicer.

10.32 " C. B. Johnson, A. B. Raworth.

10.36 " A. Leach, F. A. Merry.

10.40 " C. G. Holmes, G. R. Horridge.

10.44 " L. Garner, G. E. Mitchell.

10.48 " J. H. Davy, H. N. Laver.

10.52 " J. M. Walker, I. W. Shevan.

10.56 " A. H. Ferguson, L. R. Andrews.

11.00 " R. A. Green, F. H. Ellis.

11.04 " T. L. Christie, J. H. Rakes.

11.08 " J. M. Norrie, J. Gardner.

11.12 " A. E. Wood, Major Beamish.

11.16 " C. W. Jeffries, L. J. Blackburn.

11.20 " A. R. Cox, C. J. Waddell.

11.24 " J. Fleming, J. P. Sherry.

11.28 " T. S. Morrison, D. Smith.

11.32 " Major Hull, F. G. Fowle.

CRICKET

The following have been selected to represent the University Past and Present in their annual match against the Combined League to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the home ground:—A. A. Rum-jahn (capt.), Dr. D. Laing, T. K. Yeoh, E. Zimmern, C. W. Lam, W. Hong Sling, S. V. Gittins, A. P. Guterres, F. I. Zimmern, E. A. Lee, A. T. Lee.

The Malayan "Daily Express" reports the death at Kuala Kangsar of the Dato Nahakurnia, son of Toh Panglima Prang Besar and a second cousin of H.H. the Sultan of Perak. The late Dato was ill for a long time and his death was not unexpected. He was buried in the Royal cemetery at Bukit Chandan with the honours accorded to a chief of the State. The funeral was attended by His Highness, all the Kathis of the State, and several well-known members of the Malay community. A salute of five guns was accorded the dead chief and the Police supplied a guard of honour.

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It's Excellency the Officer Administering the Government of the Colony will be present on Saturday at the Club ground for the final of the Lai Wah Cup between the Army Team and the Chinese Team.

The following have been selected to represent the Kowloon 1st XI.

The match will be played over full League time of 45 minutes each way, and should the result at the end of that time be a draw, extra time of ten minutes each way will be played. A good afternoon's sport is assured.

The 1st Division League match between Kowloon and the Police at Kowloon should be a very interesting one. The Police will rely on the same team which has done so well lately and should at least share the points with Kowloon.

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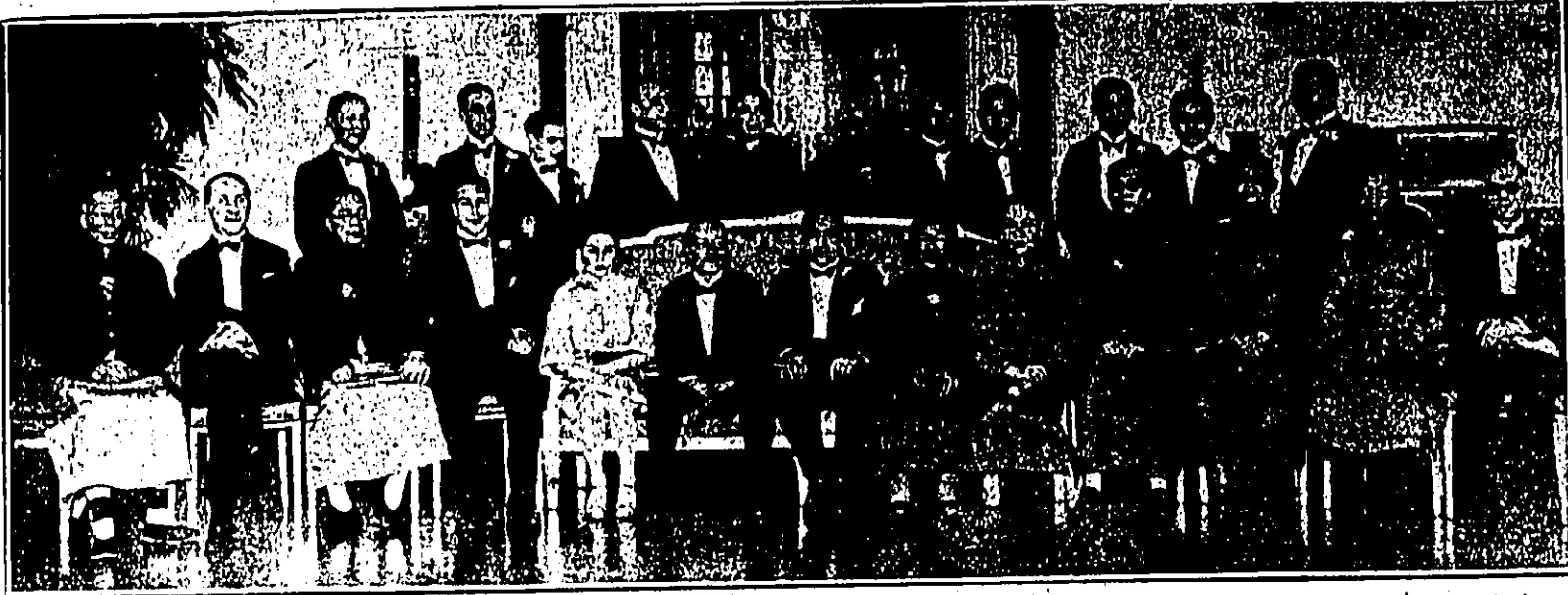
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Foreign Minister Entertained



Dr. C. T. Wang, (Minister for Foreign Affairs of the National Government) was the guest of honour at a banquet given in Shanghai by Mr. Arthur Sopher and Mr. Theodore Sopher. Left to right, front row: Messrs. Pan Ching-poo, A. N. Fishman, S. U. Zau, Theodore Sopher, Mrs. P. S. Fu, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Arthur Sopher, Dr. Wei Tzu-min, Dr. Soume Teheng, General Wu Te-chen, Mr. S. S. Fung, Mr. P. S. Fu, Chev. S. K. Chen. Back row: Messrs. T. Y. Yue, Samson Isaacs, Donald Ezra, R. I. Hope, T. S. Kum, Y. Y. Fung, Cecil Ezra, T. C. Pan, Richard Pan, Y. F. Lieu, M. T. Wong.—(Ah Fong).

Passengers on Ill-Fated "Vestris"



Above are five of the passengers aboard the ill-fated Lampert and Holt liner "Vestris": L. to r., Mr. Adolph Greenberg, Mrs. Muriel M. Wills, Mr. Rudolph R. Whitehead; Muriel Ulrich of Germany; and William Bernhard Burke of Dublin, Ireland.

Shanghai Rowing Club Dinner



On the occasion of the presentation of prizes won at the Autumn Regatta and also the Byrne trophies for the recent long-distance race, a dinner party was held at the Shanghai Rowing Club for a large number of members and their guests.—(Ah Fong).

A New Ensemble



An ensemble of cape coat and frock of beige velour, bordered in beige velvet, with a detachable scarf collar of beaver. It is both useful and exceedingly ornamental and was shown in London.

New Film Star



Dorothy Janis, hailed as one of Hollywood's coming stars of the silent—and talkie—drama. She weighs 90 pounds, is a decided brunette and is on the sunny side of eighteen.

Smart and Decorative



Posed by Gwen Lee—an evening wrap of gold and white brocade that is as decorative as it is unusual. The collar is formed of pleated gold lame cloth and the cuffs are of white fox.

7 Years Old King



This striking portrait of King Michael, the boy ruler of Rumania, was made especially for his mother, the Princess Helen, on the occasion of his seventh birthday. The boy king is being reared as simply and unostentatiously as the average British boy aristocrat.

Tried for Perjury



Indicted on charge of perjury before the Senate Teapot Dome investigators in connection with \$3750,000 in Continental Trading Co. Liberty bonds, Robert W. Stewart (above), chairman of the board of Standard Oil Co. of Indiana, has gone on trial before the Supreme Court of District of Columbia. The penalty for perjury is from two to ten years' imprisonment.

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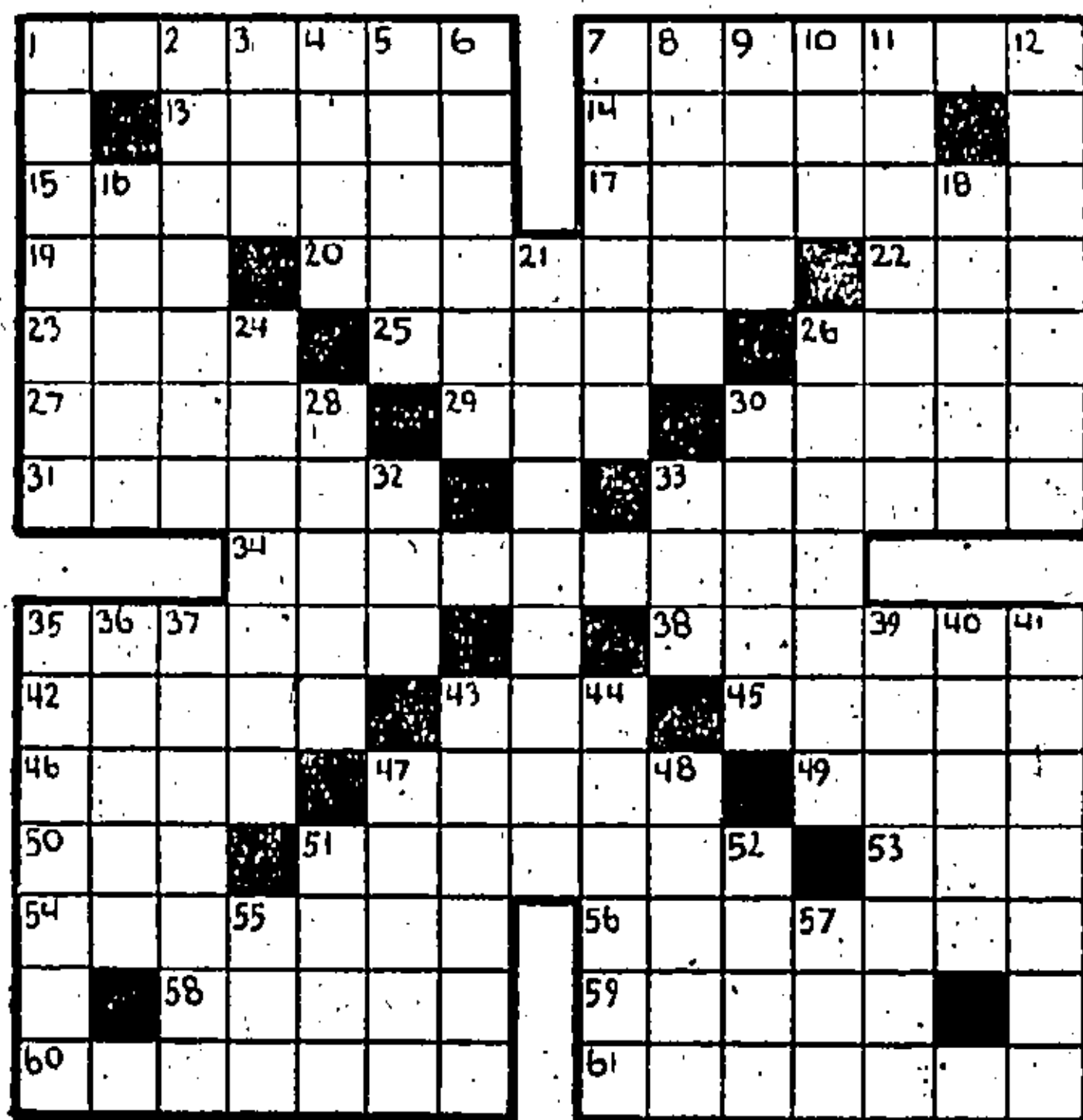
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1—Soldiers employed in digging trenches
- 7—United vitally
- 13—Wife of a rajah
- 14—Fiscal
- 15—Goaded
- 17—Reduce to a mean
- 19—State of equality
- 20—Struck with the open hand
- 22—Sward
- 23—Peregrine post
- 25—Guide
- 26—Large mass of ice
- 27—Cereemonies
- 29—Ensign (abbr.)
- 30—To resolve a sentence into component parts
- 31—To scow
- 33—Heaped
- 34—Revered effects
- 35—Place of writing
- 38—Bonds
- 42—Layers
- 43—Scrap with forefoot
- 45—City in province of Quebec
- 46—Strikes sharply

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

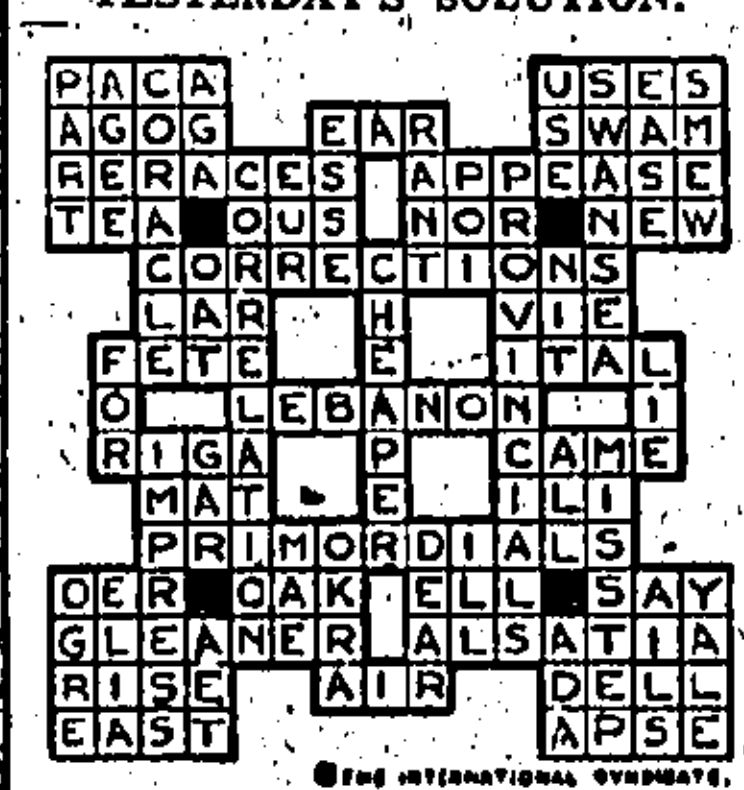
- 47—Devil
- 49—French city
- 50—Latin for "plow"
- 51—Ennui
- 52—Pointed mining tool
- 54—Excavation made by erosion
- 55—Extinguishing
- 58—Annoy
- 59—German manufacturing city
- 60—Perfumed
- 61—Hates bitterly
- 62—Sustain
- 63—Ailment
- 64—Proportionately
- 65—Cushion
- 66—Terminate
- 67—Motion picture equipment (pl.)
- 68—Quiet
- 69—Fruits of the vine
- 70—A wanderer
- 71—Elderly
- 72—Coating on the tongue
- 73—Torture
- 74—Cleaned out and despoiled

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16—Chinese plant
- 18—Furze
- 21—Permeate
- 24—Tries over again, in court
- 26—Reed instrument
- 28—Percolates
- 30—Breathes rapidly
- 32—Destructive animal
- 33—Period of time (pl. abbr.)
- 35—Spreads in an irregular manner
- 36—Feminine name meaning bright
- 37—French for quick, clever reply
- 38—Sources
- 40—Nut
- 41—Heavy hammer
- 43—Separated
- 44—Stuffed with soft flexible material
- 47—To pick
- 48—Running knot
- 51—Ship
- 52—Make moldy and
- 55—Fowl
- 57—To escort

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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THACKERAY PLAY

"ROSE AND THE RING"
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MUSICAL FANTASY

London, Nov. 12.
The plays that appeal both to grown-ups and children are rare. So too, with books. Few of us, surely, of whatever age, can resist the spell of the immortal Alice. But what of "The Rose and the Ring"? Thackeray called it a "fireside pantomime for great and small children," and there can be little doubt, I imagine, that for the small children, at any rate, there is still a lot of fun to be got out of the absurd (but edifying) doings of Prince Giglio, Prince Bulbo, and the rest. But what of their elders? Delightful still, to be sure, the best of the fun, but may not some of it now seem just a trifle heavy-handed, and the satire (which, naturally, is thrown away on the young people) just a little blunted?

"Say When!"



Gwen Lee of Hollywood, about whom a melody, "Gwen, Say When," has been written.

Apparently no such considerations have troubled Mrs. Christabel Marillier, who is responsible both for the book and music of the fancifully-staged version of "The Rose and the Ring" we saw at the Apollo last night. She serves up afresh most of the familiar characters, with the self-indulgent and unscrupulous King Valeroso, his Queen, and their sulky, daughter, Angelica, in the foreground; and again we meet, of course, Giglio (the rightful King) and Bulbo and dear Betsinda (otherwise Princess Rosalba), and the Fairy Blackstick and that odious Gruffanuff whose impertinent husband was very properly changed into a door-knocker.

With this deliciously amusing episode—one of the happiest of the author's whimsical concepts, and one cleverly contrived in this production—Mrs. Marillier starts her version. She gives us in all some 15 scenes—perhaps an excess of generosity—and in all of them appears to have drawn largely upon Thackeray's text, though we have lyrics, some of them quite happy, by Messrs. Clifford Bax, Hilaire Belloc, and John Arthington. Incidentally it might have been better, I think, to link up the scenes with music, and to make somewhat clearer (for those who may have forgotten their Thackeray) the magical effects wrought by the fairy ring as it passed from the possession of one character to another.

Enchanting Scenes
On the whole, however, the work of adaptation has been tactfully done, and the result is a refined and pretty entertainment, which owes much to the imaginative beauty of Mr. George Sheringham's costumes and settings. Quite enchanting, in particular, his Throne Room, execution scene, and magic wood—in which we are given a delightful reminder of "Les Sylphides," without Chopin's music, it is true, but with something quite graceful in place of it.

Mrs. Marillier, a newcomer to the small ranks of women composers, would seem to have taken "The Beggar's Opera" as a model for some of her music. That model is suggested, for instance, in Betsinda's charming little song, "In careless Youth" and her "No more can I wander," which is also delicately imagined, and elsewhere. In places a hint of the Sullivan idiom does not come amiss, since it is quite in keeping with the English feeling of the music generally.

She is very well served by her interpreters, vocally and otherwise. Nothing could have been better in its case and polish than Mr. Frederick Ravalow's singing in the

part of Giglio, or more appealing in its unaffected charm than that of Miss Megan Foster as Betsinda. If, perhaps, a trifle too dry in his brand of humour, Mr. Lawrence Blackcomb was nevertheless excellent as Valeroso, as also was Miss Vivienne Chatterton as "Mrs. V." and Mr. Stanley Vilven's Bulbo—perfectly made-up—was capital fun. Miss Nellie Briercliffe's only fault was that she made the sour-grained Angelica too attractive; Miss Elsie French's Gruffanuff was a most spirited performance, and there was first-rate work in other parts by, among others, Messrs. Dewey Gibson, Henry Latimer, John Mott, and Miss Dorothy Gill (a stately Blackstick).

Dr. Malcolm Sargent conducted, and his experienced control was most helpful throughout. Mrs. Marillier was enthusiastically received on taking a call at the end of the performance.

—E. K.

In "Conquest"



Camilla Horn, the "lead" in John Barrymore's "Conquest."

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It is essential that British merchants in Hong Kong and China should do their duty to themselves by bringing such facts home to everybody at home.

Only this week, there have been further instances of ignorance of the situation out here—as evidenced in the tacit approval of Mr. F. Hussey-Freke's acquiescing in Nationalist China's seizure of the Salt funds.

The "Overland China Mail" contains an indictment of the Foreign Office policy. Send it home to be read as widely as possible. It is the only illustrated weekly budget of "local" and "China" news published in Hong Kong. As such, it must be the best reading matter for friends in other parts of the world who evince interest in China.

RESIDENTS BACK FROM LEAVE

Many residents have just returned to Hong Kong after holidays at home and elsewhere. For the first few days one's conscience can be calmed by thoughts that time is needed to unpack and to get settled down again. Then that letter must go.

What you have to say for yourself no one else can write for you; but if you want to ease anxiety as to what is happening out here that is a task that the "Overland China Mail" will do for you, as it has invariably done in the past.

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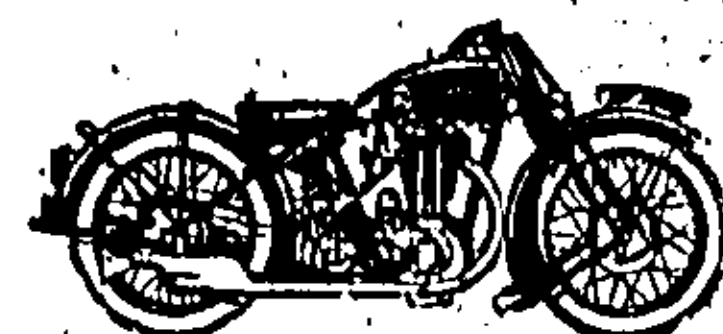


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STATEMENT IN COMMONS

London, Yesterday.
Questioned in the House of Commons to-day regarding the establishment of an air service between London and South Africa, Sir Philip Sassoon, Under-Secretary for Air, said a number of flights had taken place between London and South Africa and intermediate points. Valuable information had been obtained as the result but the actual details of the route selected would depend on whether land 'planes or sea 'planes were used on certain parts of the journey. That could only be determined when concrete proposals were formulated. The Air Minister expected such proposals to be made in the near future, and if these were considered practicable immediate steps would be taken in co-operation with the Government of South Africa, who were aware of our intention and desire to develop air communications of that nature.—British Wireless Service.

SCIENCE AND LOVE

DR. BERNARD HOLLANDER ON MARRIAGE

"OLD WORLD PASSION"

Dr. Bernard Hollander, president of the Ethological Society, gave an address to members of the society on "The Psychology of Matrimony" at the Royal Sanitary Institute, London. He asked if the cold voice of science should strive to dictate to the old world passion of love, and supplied the answer—"Assuredly, yes."

Nature everywhere set the model, he said. It was for civilised man, in proportion to his advancing culture, to improve upon the model. As man the barbarian came to apply rules culled from the school of experience, so he became civilised, cultured, intellectual, and moral. Scarcely in any other field had he allowed the primeval instinct to hold sway, so little influenced by the rules of organised knowledge, as in this all-essential matter of the union of the sexes. If the selections for marriage were made by experts, success could not be guaranteed. Our knowledge was scarcely complete enough to enable us to give hard-and-fast rules. Still, we knew enough, if not to help every one to draw a winning card in this most popular of all lotteries, at least to rob it of its worst lottery characteristics.

The Choice of a Wife

That men were not guided in choosing a wife by reason, appropriateness, common sense, good judgment, or any of the other evidences of sanity that they displayed in deciding the other problems of life was illustrated daily by the unsuitable matches all about them. A man might praise domesticity and economy in theory, yet in practice it was not the girl 'able to manage a household who got her hand held, but the idle maiden who had kept her fingers soft and white. For some, wedlock was the acme of bliss; for others, a forest of the agonies of perdition; while still others found in it only a dead level of commonplace existence. Everybody was more or less led by the delusion that he could avoid the blunders of other people, and so the stream flowed steadily on. Two facts had to be kept in view:—(1) While a man's character in wedlock need not undergo any change, the girl, being transformed into a woman, might have her whole disposition, altered; (2) husband and wife, having to live together day after day, year after year, every secret feeling, trait, and purpose would "out." There could be no permanent deceit. Even the most perfect man and the loveliest good woman had their defects; but sensible husbands and wives looked the other way. Where they remained lovers through life, their conjugal good fortune owed much to a cultivated and happy blindness on both sides.

Touching on the advantages of the married over the single state, Dr. Hollander said that single men and women, by taking their meals in restaurants, were in danger of damaging their digestions by irre-

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PACIFIC SETTLEMENT TO DISPUTE FORESHADOWED

SOME EXPLANATIONS

Lugano, Yesterday.
The Governments of Paraguay and Bolivia have replied to telegrams addressed them by Mr. Briand on behalf of the Council of the League. Bolivia throws all the blame on Paraguay while Paraguay enters explanations and foreshadows a pacific settlement to the dispute.—Reuter.

The Telegram
The League's telegram, is contained in the following message published yesterday:—

The Council of the League of Nations, at Lugano, decided after two secret sessions to dispatch to the Governments of Bolivia and Paraguay—both countries being members of the League—a telegram in reference to the frontier incident that has arisen between them. The telegram was sent in the name of M. Briand as Acting President of the Council, and gives the text of a resolution unanimously adopted by the Council as follows: "The Council expresses its full conviction that the incidents which have occurred between those two members of the League of Nations will not become serious. It does not doubt that the two states which, by signing the covenant, have solemnly pledged themselves to seek by pacific means a solution of the disputes arising between them, will have recourse to such methods as would be in conformity with their international obligations and would appear in the actual circumstances to be most likely to ensure together with the maintenance of peace a settlement of their disputes." The members of the council present included representatives of Chile, Venezuela, and Cuba.—British Wireless Service.

gularities in food and drink. Single women often ate next to nothing. Married women with good healthy appetites were commoner than single ones.

Advocating a reform of the marriage laws, the lecturer said that marriage was still regarded by many as a divine institution. But the divinity of marriage was sadly masked by the fact that, whatever it was in theory, in practice it was a human institution, in which the contracting parties were not demigods but human beings. Marriage was not a question of a lovers' evening out. It was a steady and intimate association, day in any day out, which only compatibles could face without disaster.

The Divorce Laws

The question whether morality was bettered or made worse by lax divorce laws was still an open one. If either the man or the woman had made a serious mistake, matrimony was hell. There should be no law, human or divine, compelling people to live in a hell on earth. It was itself immoral, and led to immorality. There was much opposition to making divorce easier, but none to the present system of allowing anybody capable of asking for a licence, in person or by proxy, to marry. Until marriage was made more difficult and properly regulated, altruism would appear to lie in the direction of making divorce easier.

If people gained their freedom in time instead of, as was often the case, living in immorality and fighting a case on some obscure issue for years, more marriages might ensue, and the second trial prove happier than the first. If we were to stop the marriage of persons whose family records showed a history of serious, bodily or mental disease, few people would be allowed to marry. On the other hand, by allowing, as we did, chronic lunatics, imbeciles, epileptics, and habitual drunkards, to get married, the contamination of the race had become so great, and the care of the useless offspring so heavy a charge on the community, that some effort should be made to stay this curse on the land.

The least that could be done was to teach defective people methods of birth control. At present, however, it was the sound people who limited most the numbers of their offspring.

WHAT U. S. SENATE HAVE ADDED TO "BILL"

"EXTREMELY UNLIKELY"

Liquor Smuggling

Washington, Yesterday.
Without any debate, the Senate added over \$250,000,000 to the Treasury's Appropriation Bill for the enforcement of prohibition. It is extremely unlikely that the House of Representatives will endorse this sum.—Reuter's American Service.

BETTING LOSSES

BANKRUPTCY COURT DENIAL OF EXTRAVAGANCE

MR. DE BEAR'S BETS

Betting losses of \$500 during the three years before his failure were mentioned by Mr. Archibald de Bear, the theatrical producer, and one of the founders of the Co-optimists, at his public examination in the London Bankruptcy Court. Mr. De Bear returns total liabilities \$7,046 and a deficiency of \$5,393.

Replying to Mr. Walter Boyle, Senior Official Receiver, Mr. De Bear attributed his failure and insolvency to lack of capital, to promised financial support not forthcoming, and to losses on various theatrical ventures. His deficiency account showed that during the three years preceding the failure his income from salary, dividends, authors' fees and royalties amounted to \$11,769. His expenditure during the same period was \$13,504. This figure included household and personal expenses \$4,680, business entertainment expenses \$3,900, other business expenses \$1,078, and \$600 betting losses.

He admitted that he had betted considerably, and had put \$10 on several horses on the same day. He had won and lost big sums, but there was not much difference on the whole of the transactions.

He did not agree that he had lost \$1,000 by betting. In fact, at one time he had an extraordinary run of luck, and won \$1,500 in a week. He practically gave up betting two years ago.

He denied that he had lived extravagantly.

HIGH HEELS

WHAT A HARLEY-STREET PHYSICIAN SAYS

The recent death of a woman as a consequence of a fall down some stairs due to it was believed, to the height of her heels—four inches—has drawn attention to the dangers attending the wearing of shoes so equipped.

A Harley-street physician who was interviewed on the subject said that women who wore very high heels ran the risk of displacing vital organs. If one came to him for life insurance purposes he would feel bound to warn her that she would probably find her premium increased. The wearing of high heels also thickened the ankles, put a strain on the system, which made the wearer irritable and might even go so far as to affect her complexion. No woman's feet should exceed about two inches.

According to a leading firm of women's shoe-makers, English women rejected the Parisian four-inch heels of five or six years ago, and now the average height is about 1½ inches or 2 inches. For walking shoes it is as low as 1½ inches. Almost all the exceptionally high heels, it was added, are to-day worn in the East-end.

Geneva, Yesterday.—Mr. Avenol, assistant secretary general of the League of Nations, has gone to Marseilles, to embark for China after which he will visit Japan and later Canada.—Reuter.

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